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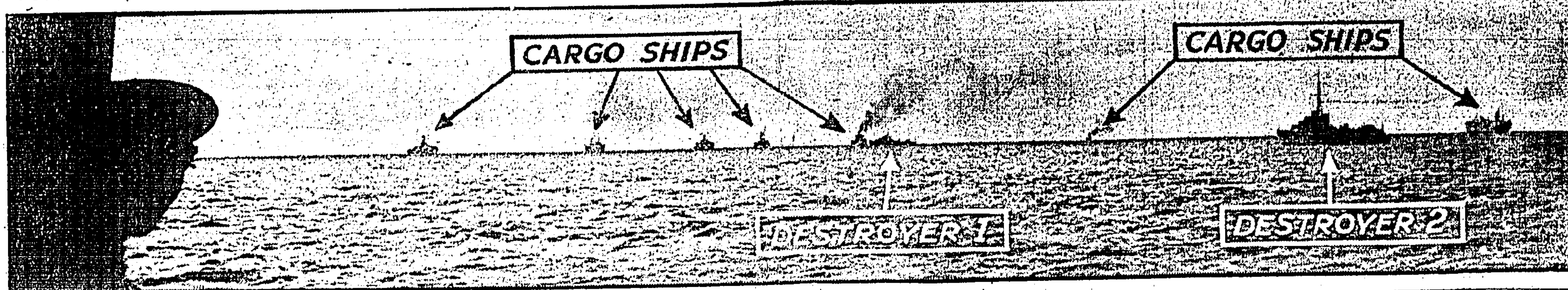
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## THIS SHOWS HOW BRITISH NAVY BRINGS HOME THE BACON



### China's "Scorched Earth" Policy Adopted by Finland

## RED ADVANCE CHECKED BY HEROIC DEFENDERS

MOSCOW, DEC. 10 (REUTERS).—UNINFORMATIVE BULLETINS FROM THE RED ARMY DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS DO NOT INDICATE MUCH PROGRESS IN THE FINNISH CAMPAIGN. WHILE THE GRAPHIC, AND POSSIBLY TOO REVEALING REPORTS OF THE WAR CORRESPONDENTS HAVE LARGELY DISAPPEARED FROM SOVIET NEWSPAPERS.

It is stated that the Finns are laying waste to the country before retreating. They are removing the cattle, destroying all food and setting fire to the villages.

### FINNS HOLDING THEIR OWN

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—The Finns are continuing to hold their own at all points, judging from latest reports.

Intensified Russian attacks are taking place in Soussalmi, the narrowest part of Finland, which is often known as the country's "wasp waist."

This drive is with the view to driving through to the Gulf of Botania and splitting the country in two.

The Finns have taken all precautions against a Soviet advance in this sector.

### PETSAMO BATTLE

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—People in the Arctic region of Norway and Finland report hearing explosions from Petsamo and the loud roar of artillery from the area south of the port.

This bears out reports that Petsamo was raided by Soviet planes at 11 a.m. and again two hours later, and also confirms Finnish claims that they are still holding the Arctic seaport which they recaptured a week ago.

### RUSSIANS WELL HELD

The artillery fire is thought to indicate fighting near the nickel mines 30 miles south-west of Petsamo.

This represents a Soviet advance of only ten miles in the past three or four days.

The Russians also claim to have pierced the Mannerheim Line in the Karelian Isthmus.

There is no question that there has been heavy fighting in the area, but the Finns say that the Soviet attacks have been repulsed with heavy loss of tanks, armoured cars and artillery.

### FINNISH AIR ACTIVITY

Finnish reports state that three Soviet planes have been brought down and that Finnish planes bombed Soviet troops.

Military law in Finland now applies to civilians. A £2,000,000 loan has been authorised.

The Finns enjoy this lull.

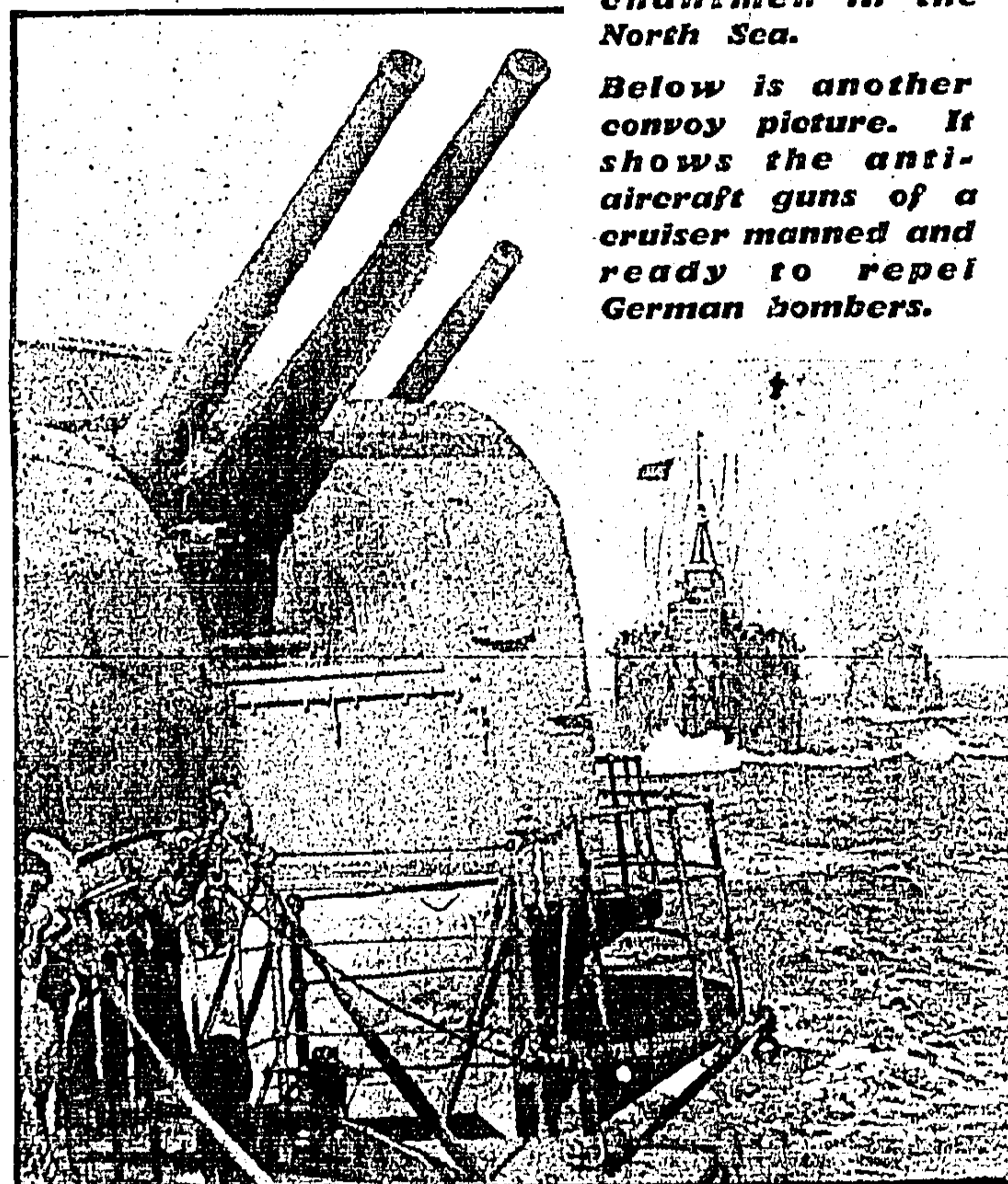
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—The Soviets have been claiming that when Soviet troops landed at one of

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WHAT YOU WOULD SEE IF YOU WERE TO TRAVEL IN A CONVOY.

The photograph was taken from one of the warships guarding a convoy of merchantmen in the North Sea.

Below is another convoy picture. It shows the anti-aircraft guns of a cruiser manned and ready to repel German bombers.



## Opposition To Red Aggression Spread Throughout The World

### Russia Alienates World

## SWEDEN PREPARING FOR WORST

### Students Demonstrate In Belgium

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—Reports from different parts of the world indicate a growing reaction to the Soviet aggression against Finland.

In Sweden, the Chief of the General Staff, General Terno, has been appointed Acting C-in-C. of the Swedish forces, a step only taken in a time of peril.

He said: "In the present time, determination of the Fatherland to defend everything else in the background."

### Norway Precautions

In Norway, a section of the civilian population, mostly women and children, are moving south from the northern regions.

In Belgium, Students of the Liege University marched through the city carrying banners declaring against the Soviet aggression and Asiatic barbarity.

In the United States, a large American manufacturing concern has turned down a Soviet order worth thousands of pounds for machinery.

### Finns Appeal For Aid

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—An appeal to all nations of the world not to let Finland fight alone was issued by the Finnish Parliament which met to-day.

The appeal declares: "The Finnish people are fighting for independence, liberty and honour. We are defending our religion, homes and all that civilised people consider sacred."

"So far we have been fighting alone against an enemy which has no territory, although in actual fact it is a question of defending everything that humanity holds most precious."

"We have proved our will to do all we can in this fight."

"Our position as an advance post of western civilisation entitles us to expect active assistance from all civilised nations."

### Arms For The Finns

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—The official newspaper, "Pravda," prints a report that Germany and Italy are delivering arms to Finland, but does not comment on this.

The heading to the article, however, casts doubt on the report, which nevertheless, is confirmed in Rome.

### Nazis Denial

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—An emphatic denial that Germany has ever delivered war materials to Finland was broadcast by the official German wire.

The announcer declared that these allegations were only intended to disturb German-Russian relations.

### Bonds Drawn In Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—The eighth drawing of Consolidation Bonds "E" and seventeenth drawing of Telegraph Bonds were held in Shanghai on December 9.

Consolidation Bonds "E" with the terminals "033," "129," "281," "303," "070," "776," "831," and "900," and Telegraph Bonds with the terminals "20," "74," and "83" were drawn and are due for repayment.

### Time and Chance Will Beat the German Raiders

## NAVY SEARCH FOR 'NEEDLE IN HAYSTACK' UNDER WAY

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—Presenting the fortnightly review of the war at sea, the B.B.C. naval observer dealt with raiders and mines.

When Germany built her three pocket battleships, she designed them as commerce raiders which could beat off a cruiser and run away from a battleship.

## SECRET WEAPON

### Official Circles Hint At Discovery

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Serials on maritime warfare flared around the British Isles in the press yesterday, when London newspapers enlarged on "hints" from high official circles regarding the discovery of a secret weapon.

The Forth River estuary was the scene of another aerial dogfight when A.A. barrages and fighting planes drove off eight German planes, apparently attempting to raid the naval base near Edinburgh.

### U-Boat Losses

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—It was learned in London to-day that Germany is not likely to be able to replace submarines more rapidly than the present rate of losing them, namely two to four a week.

The German estimate of present and future U-boat output is not available, but the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" indicates that the 1917 output, estimated at one million, can be greatly exceeded.

According to the figures available, official circles in London, however, rate that the commissioning of German submarines in 1917 averaged seven a month.

The highest monthly number was 12.

Doubt is expressed whether it is now possible to approach that figure, owing to the shortage of materials, absence of skilled labour and diversion of the workers' production.

### Tommies Face The Boche

### British Patrol In French Sector

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—Special Correspondent With the B.E.F. —For the first time since the war began, British troops are face to face with German forces.

A portion of the British Expeditionary Force now under French command is occupying a portion of the Maginot Line outside the British Zone.

There has been some patrol activity and occasional mutual shelling in this part of the front.

There have been no British casualties.

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Oberamergau Passion Play Committee has announced the postponement of the 1940 Play until the end of the war.

### SEILING ALMOST BLIND

A ship at sea is almost blind, he went on.

On a clear day, the horizon is only ten miles away, so that a ship could see for little more than 200 miles around.

A night, visibility was only a couple of miles, for raiders travel without lights.

A ship in these circumstances is like a man wandering in a thick mist on the Yorkshire Moors.

A ship has only got to be on the other side of the horizon to be invisible.

Raiders' Difficulties

In the North Atlantic, where the Bismarck met her doom, the position is even worse. Gales are almost a daily occurrence. There are only about 3½ hours of daylight and for good measure there are fogs, mists, rainstorms and snowstorms.

In such weather, one's quarry can be invisible although she is only a mile or so away.

Nevertheless, the raider does not have it all its own way. It must eventually feed its crew and refuel. It must get supplies as soon as it captures a ship, and it runs the risk of giving away its position.

Recently several German ships left neutral ports, probably intending to supply the raiders.

That does not matter now. They have been either captured or scuttled.

Sooner Or Later—

Sooner or later too, the raider's speed and steaming performance suffer, particularly in tropical waters where marine growths are prolific.

The machinery, too, develops defects in time, which eventually will need handling in a dockyard.

Hunting raiders may take time, but sooner or later they will get caught.

Ships of the British and French navies are after them day and night.

More Effective Than Effective

Turning to mines, the naval observer said at first the Nazis had a certain amount of success with their magnetic mines.

Yet the blockade is more frightful than effective.

British ports are still open and the mine-sweeping fleet has been strengthened and reorganised to meet the menace.

It will take a little time for counter measures to make the sea safe, but

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### NAZI DEBTS

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OWED TO  
BRITONS

### German Ships Seized To Pay Debts

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UP).—Banking circles in London state that British creditors are still owed some £14,000,000 by Germans.

They are taking steps to recover a portion of this debt by the seizure and sale of German ships, either those in British hands or those stranded in neutral ports throughout the world.

It is believed that 150 German ships are laid up in neutral ports where they are accumulating harbour charges and wages.

German shipping companies have been doing their utmost to effect the sale of such ships to neutral countries.

The latter, however, are reported to be slow in making purchases, since Britain has announced that she will not recognise the transfer of any German ship to neutral ownership during the war.

## LATEST

See Back Page For  
Further Late News

## WARPLANE INVENTOR EXILE IN THE D.E.I.

PARIS, Dec. 3 (UP).—Walter Messerschmidt, inventor of Germany's famous pursuit planes, was expelled from Germany two years ago and is now a Dutch citizen residing in the East Indies according to a special article by Roland Lennard appearing in the newspaper "Le Jour."

The writer revealed Messerschmidt, who once worked as an engineer for 800 marks a month, was a student in the Mechanical Institute at Jena.

Later he was employed in the munitions department of Farbren, where his value as an aeronautical

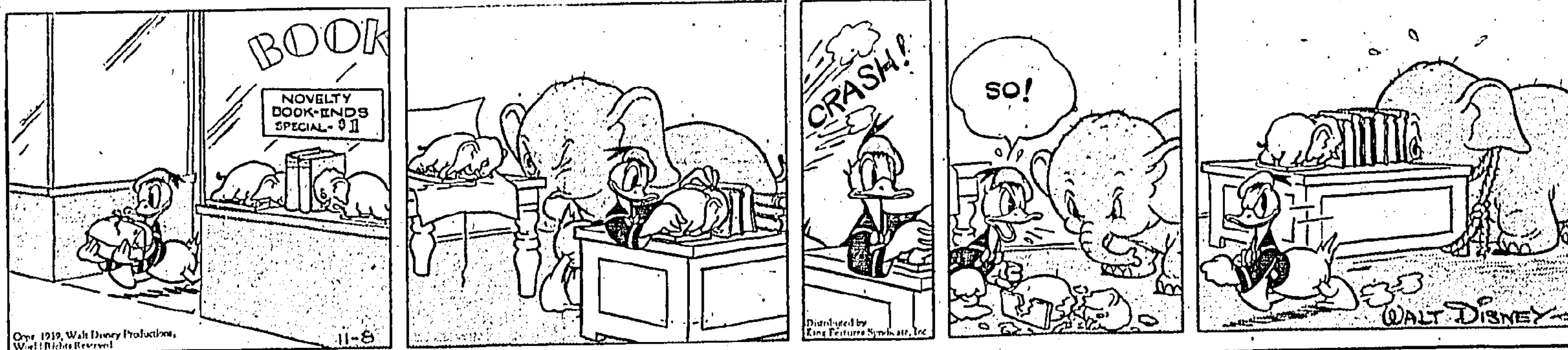
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Canadian Poles  
Will Fight

EDMONTON—Polish men living in central and northern Alberta are availing word from representatives of the exiled Polish government in Paris concerning the formation of a new Polish army. Many men in this province stand ready, they declare, to enlist in this force to fight Germany.

He Punished  
Himself

CLEVELAND—Robert Stinae, of Barberton, O., had seen only half the Notre Dame-Navy game when police, who said he was intoxicated, led him out of the Cleveland stadium. Said the judge: "I believe you were punished enough by not seeing the last half of the game. Costs are suspended."

Thousands of Miles To Find Asylum  
FROM JAIL TO JAIL:  
FATE OF SPANIARDS"GO GET ME THE MOON,"  
NAZI SCIENTIST TOLD

HITLER wants the moon.  
A scientist who declared he had the secret of a "rocket apparatus" which would fly the 230,000 miles there was given accommodation at Berchtesgaden and told to get on with the job.  
German scientists assert that in about five years it will be possible to fly 120 miles from the earth.  
But they cannot say how anyone could return.

Broadcasts From  
Enemy Stations

Questions "not for oral answer" in recent Parliamentary papers include the following by Captain Pluggie (U. Rochester Chatham):—

"To ask the Home Secretary if he will take steps to make it known to Englishmen and Englishwomen who being still British subjects in enemy countries, agree to be employed as announcers of 'anti-British' propaganda in English from enemy broadcasting stations, that they thereby render themselves liable to prosecution in Britain for treason."

Texans Are  
Nobles!

AUSTIN, Tex. — A record showing that 400 Texans are descendants of the New World's Spaniards has been uncovered by a research librarian at the University of Texas.

A certified copy of a decree issued by King Philip V of Spain in 1730, signed by the Spanish viceroy in Mexico City, designated the 15 original families of San Antonio and their descendants "forever to be landed noblemen of the kingdom of Castille." The San Antonio group, named "Los Islenos," were 15 families that came to San Antonio, then in Mexico, by way of the Canary Islands.

Miss Esther Perez Carajal of San Antonio, president of "Los Islenos," said that about 400 known descendants of the original families are living. The Perez family, however, is reported the only one whose name remains distinct to-day.

The "first families" of San Antonio organized in 1931 and meet in the governor's palace at that city each March 9, date of the arrival of their forefathers.

The copy of the 200-year-old decree of nobility was found among the 200,000 pages of manuscripts and printed matter in the University of Texas Latin-American collection, much of which is untranslated. The original document has never been

TWO young Spaniards, Jesus Castanell and Louis Cicero, who have travelled thousands of miles seeking a safe asylum, are now in Cardiff jail.

While fighting in the Spanish Republican Army they were captured and taken to a concentration camp at Miranda del Ebro, near Bilbao.

They escaped on a ship bound for Barry, Glamorgan, but were arrested on landing and interned.

## Brought Back

Efforts were made to send them to Mexico. A ship was found which the immigration officer was informed, was proceeding to a Mexican port. But the ship's orders were changed, en route, and she was diverted to Florida.

The Spaniards were not allowed to land there.

They were taken on in the ship to Newfoundland, and returned eventually to Scotland.

At Rosyth they jumped ship. In trying to get in touch with a local Spanish refugees committee, they were arrested and again jailed. They were transferred from one prison to another until they arrived in Cardiff.

## Now At Hotel

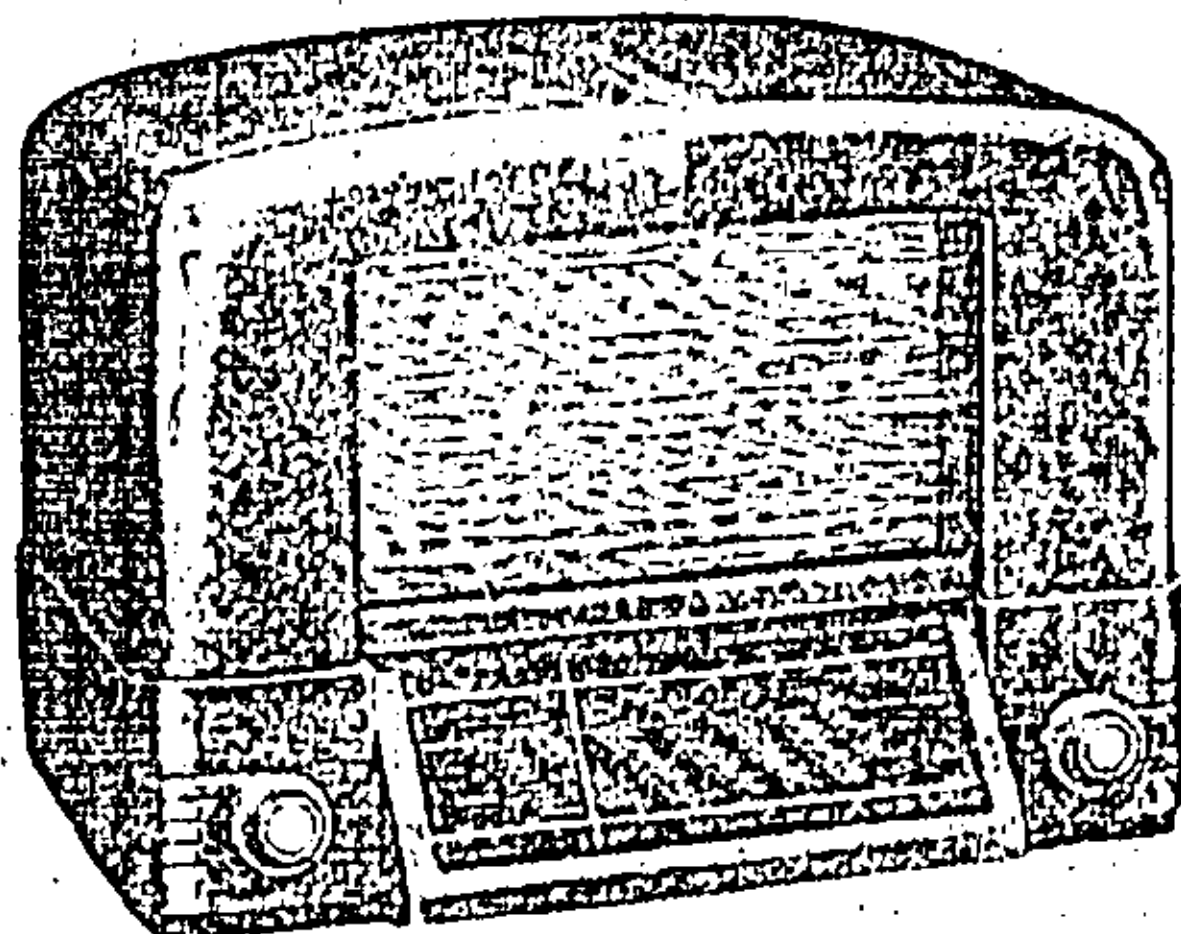
Their plight has come to the notice of the South Wales Miners' Federation, whose president, Mr. Arthur Horner, has asked Sir Charles Edwards, the Labour Whip, to apply to the Home Office for a permit for their release.

"The Federation has undertaken to see to their maintenance at a Penarth hotel," Mr. Meth Jones, of the Federation office, said recently. "We—and the prisoners—are convinced that to return to Spain would mean instant death."

## SPEAKER TO Y'S MEN

Mr. D. Y. Lin, former Forestry Commissioner for Kwangtung, will speak on "Recent Experiences in the North West" to the Y's Men's Club at their fifth at the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday.

found, librarians said. The copy in the Texas collection was made in 1880 at San Antonio, to be kept on file at that town's archives. The archives collection was transferred to the university by Bexar county commissioners in 1899.

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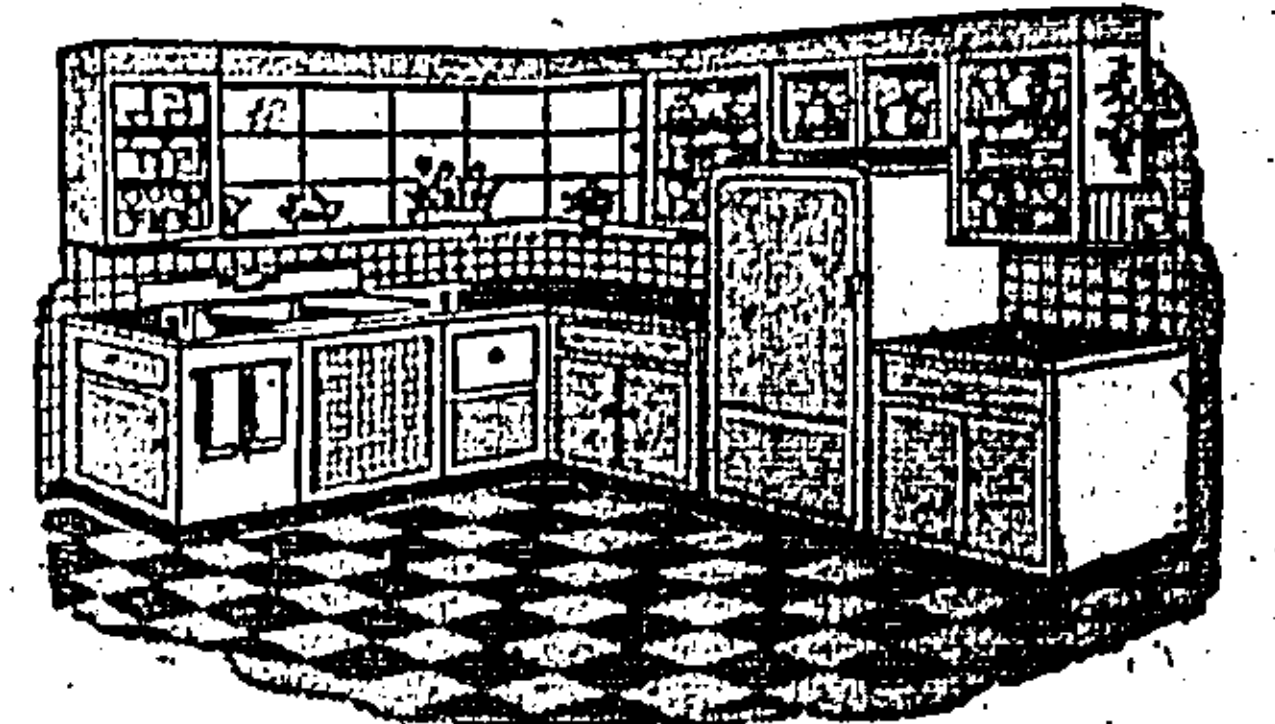
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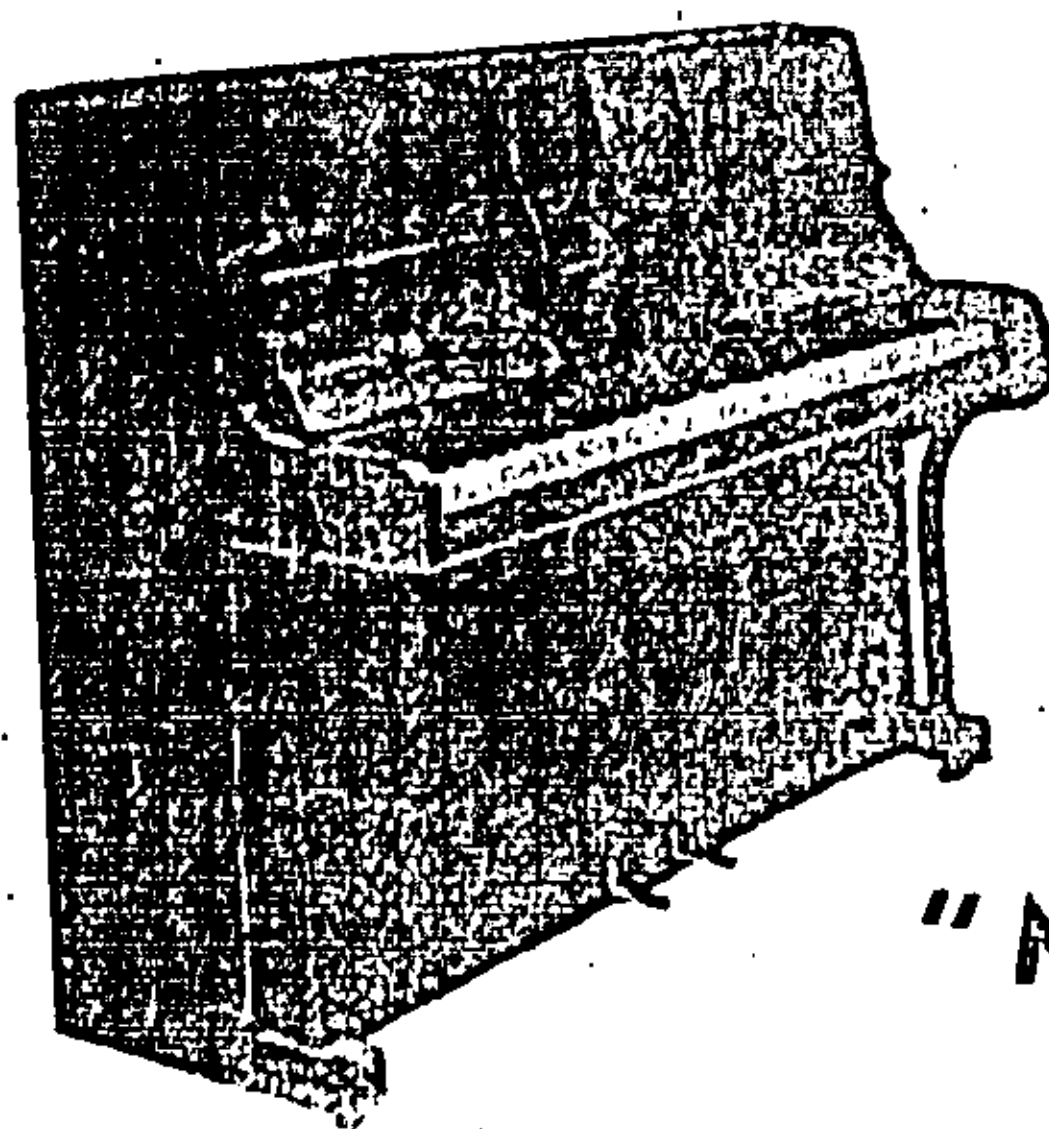
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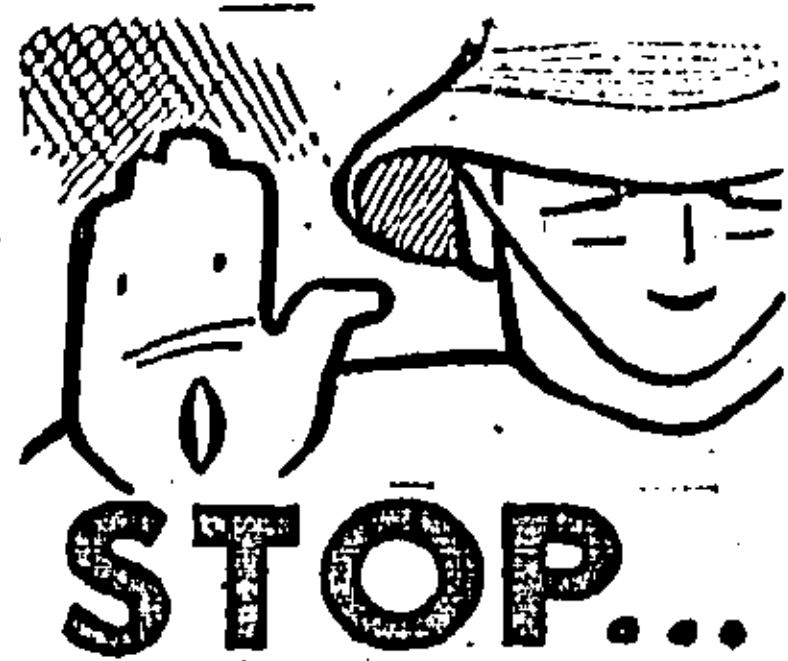
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### The Neutral Front

To the numerous unusual aspects  
of the war in Europe add the fact  
that it is being fought by neutrals as  
well as by belligerents. Both Russia  
and Italy call themselves neutrals.  
But in the Balkans their interests  
are crystallising into a sharp Russo-  
Italian rivalry.

Each of these States is trying to  
organise a Balkan bloc in which it  
would be the supreme influence.  
The Anglo-French-Turkish pact was  
a temporary setback for Russian in-  
fluence in that this treaty kept the  
door wide for the influence of the  
Western Powers—doors that Stalin  
had tried to close. The pact renewed  
Italian hopes of re-establishing  
Italy's place in the Balkans which  
had been in a large measure lost to  
Germany in the good old Rome-  
Berlin Axis days and was further  
threatened by the re-entry of Russia  
into the international field.

With the signing of the Russo-  
German non-aggression pact, Russia  
showed at once that its new position  
would be used to extend Russian  
influence west and east. Now from  
most of the capitals of Southeastern  
Europe come indications of energetic  
Italian counter-moves to organise a  
Balkan bloc which will face toward  
Rome. Some of the same problems  
which faced Russia and which Russia  
mistakenly attempted to force to  
solution when the Turkish Foreign  
Minister was in Moscow now face  
Italy. One of these is the reconcilia-  
tion of the territorial disputes be-  
tween Rumania and Hungary and  
Bulgaria.

Whether Italy can better handle  
such problems, and whether Turkey,  
usually suspicious of Italian designs,  
will help, are questions whose  
answers depend on the ability of the  
lesser Powers in Europe to appraise  
the common danger which threatens  
them all.

One of the basic political issues in  
the war of 1939 is whether the  
Balkans are to become German  
colonies or a bloc of independent and  
economically stable states.

"Mein Kampf" makes plain  
enough Herr Hitler's dream of turn-  
ing German energy from overseas  
colonisation—possible only if Ger-  
many controlled the sea or had the  
friendship of those who did—into the  
taking of new lands adjoining Ger-  
many on the East. What has hap-  
pened in Czechoslovakia and Poland  
shows the dream in process of ful-  
filment. And no one who has stud-  
ied the development of National  
Socialism expects the process to stop  
at this stage unless halted by  
external force.

The divisions among the Balkan  
states are so well known that they

# With a North Sea Convoy

WITH a cargo of em-  
pty barrels, health  
salts, tea, and an  
odd half-dozen of other com-  
modities which come under  
the heading of "general," I  
have travelled in convoy  
through the coastal danger  
areas of the North Sea.

I have been shaken from sleep  
by the grating roar of exploding  
depth-charges a mile away, and  
watched from the bridge for  
"unknown aircraft believed to  
be hostile" when our escort  
warned us that they might be  
approaching. The captain of  
the vessel in which I was travel-  
ling described the trip as the  
quietest he had known since the  
beginning of the war.

To live for days with a convoy  
is to achieve a new understand-  
ing of the mechanism which  
ensures, during war-time, that  
the ordinary life of Great Bri-  
tain shall continue with the  
minimum disturbance. It is not  
just a matter of essential food-  
supplies—the "beef, pork and  
mutton, eggs, apples and cheese"  
that Kipling wrote about. Mas-  
field's "dirty British coaster"  
with her firewood, ironware and  
cheap tin trays must be pro-  
tected as well.

### VIGILANCE OF AIR AND NAVAL ESCORTS

Perhaps "mechanism" is the wrong  
word. It sounds impersonal and  
inevitable and, on board, one has a  
vivid sense of dependence on the  
eyes and ears of certain human  
beings.

In talk with the officers one  
realises that they in turn depend on  
the smooth working of a complex ad-  
hoc shore organisation, as well as on  
the ceaseless vigilance of the naval  
and air escorts. Each convoy that  
arrives in port is a separate triumph  
of co-operative human effort. On  
the consistent recurrence of these  
triumphs hangs our very existence.

So much emphasis on the dramatic  
importance of the convoy's journey is  
excusable. A happy convoy has no  
drama, and ours was a business trip.  
In truth, it was a drab-looking fleet  
which we joined at the port of as-  
sembly somewhere in the south of  
England. On our way we had passed  
half a dozen smart neutrals, publish-  
ing their immunity in huge letters  
and painted emblems. Our own paint  
and red ensign looked dingy beside  
their gaudy superiority, and we knew  
that once we were in convoy, we  
should be shunned by them.

The convoy's plans had already  
been discussed at the conference of  
masters ashore. Each ship knew her  
number and position, but the final  
instructions were given at the an-  
chorage by a fussy little Admiralty  
tug. At the secret sailing-time we  
slipped away to the open sea—a  
company of over a score of vessels.  
Unobtrusively our escort joined us,  
and the voyage had begun.

### WHEN "THE FELLOW IN FRONT" WANDERS

One of the first qualities required  
of those who sail in convoys is  
patience. The convoy's speed,  
naturally, is restricted to that of its  
slowest member. For days on end  
the faster ships must endure the port  
of thing which happens to fast  
sports-cars when they get caught up  
in Bank Holiday queues, with the  
important difference that there are  
no alternative routes and no oppor-  
tunities for "cutting in."

"Keeping station," I have been told,  
is often a most difficult problem for  
these sturdy individualist skippers,  
many of whom, until a few weeks  
ago, had had no experience of convoys.

Again, as on our arterial roads, it  
is always the fellow in front who is  
wrong. I shall remember with re-  
sistance

have given rise to a word—  
"Balkanisation." They have been  
fostered by great powers as France  
fostered divisions among the small  
German states. Diverse and aspiring  
nationalisms preclude any early  
amalgamation. But Balkan destiny  
is in unity; the progress of railways,  
motor cars, airplanes and radio may  
speed that development.

The Balkans offer a potential  
counter-weight to German domina-  
tion of the Continent. Can Britain  
and France promote among them an  
economic and cultural union which  
would make them effective in that  
role? The answer to that question  
should be one of the decisive factors  
in the present war and its aftermath.

by  
**J. E.  
SWELL**  
in the London  
"Daily Telegraph"

petful awe a quiet but passionate  
speech delivered to the night sky by  
our first officer when our predecessor  
slipped out of his place without sig-  
nalling, and either went aground on  
a shoal or anchored, for some reason  
best known to himself.

Trivial as such an incident may  
seem to the landsman, the safety of  
the whole convoy had been jeopar-  
dised.

It is at night that the full strain  
of convoy work is most apparent.  
Voices on the bridge drop to a  
whisper. A masked stern light only  
is permissible, and when visibility is  
poor the task of keeping formation  
is almost insuperable—or would  
be, if it were not for the fact that  
the fleet had taken up its correct  
formation again. The mistakes in the  
darkness had been few and small.

### DEPTH-CHARGES—AT LEAST A MILE AWAY

I sampled the middle watch on the  
bridge and found the eye-strain, even  
without the sense of responsibility,  
considerable. I had gone comfort-  
ably to sleep that early morning,  
when we received our first overt  
warning of the danger from which  
we were being protected. Three  
grinding thuds, felt rather than  
heard, awoke the passengers and  
brought them tumbling up on deck  
in various stages of undress. My  
own impression was that the ship had  
been in collision—the rasping shudder  
which she gave suggested impacts  
with some heavy object.

We stood on deck, straining our  
eyes into the blackness, hopelessly  
trying to read its mystery. The cap-  
tain eventually dashed our more  
dramatic speculations. The depth-  
charges, he said, had exploded at  
least a mile away. But it was cer-  
tain that our escorting vessels had  
"got wind of something," and were  
dealing with it in their fashion. What  
that something was we shall probably  
never know; but 40 minutes later,  
when we were wondering whether it  
was worth while going back to bed,  
there was yet another distant ex-  
plosion. Evidently the escorting  
vessels were still unsatisfied. No  
more was heard, but I, for one, shall  
believe that a U-boat searching for  
our convoy that night received some  
telling discouragement.

Normally the escort held its set  
stations about us, creeping along at  
our miserably few knots with the  
courteous tolerance of a schoolboy  
conducting his elderly aunt across  
the road. Several times, however, I  
saw them show their speed. They  
would suddenly dash away on an  
errand of their own, sometimes  
steaming through the convoy.

### CAREFULLY STEAMING ACROSS A MINEFIELD

Perhaps a straggler needed round-  
ing-up, or some indication had been  
received by the detectors which  
warranted further investigation. We  
were heard the results of these  
manoeuvres. News of any kind  
nowadays, at sea, is hard to come  
by. No merchant ship may transmit  
messages except when it is gravely  
necessary, and our smoke-room re-  
ceiving set was disconnected for the  
duration on the first day of war.

There was little communication  
between escort and convoy. What  
there was depended on flags and  
flashes, during daylight only. Our  
wireless cabin received one reminder  
of the U-boat menace—an SOS from  
a ship in the Bay of Biscay, being  
chased and shelled by a submarine.  
That drama, too, remained unfinished  
—we heard no more of her.

Day followed day of patient pro-  
gress. At intervals our escort would  
be supplemented by an aeroplane  
from the shore, skimming at low al-  
titude over the convoy, and then  
flying higher above us.

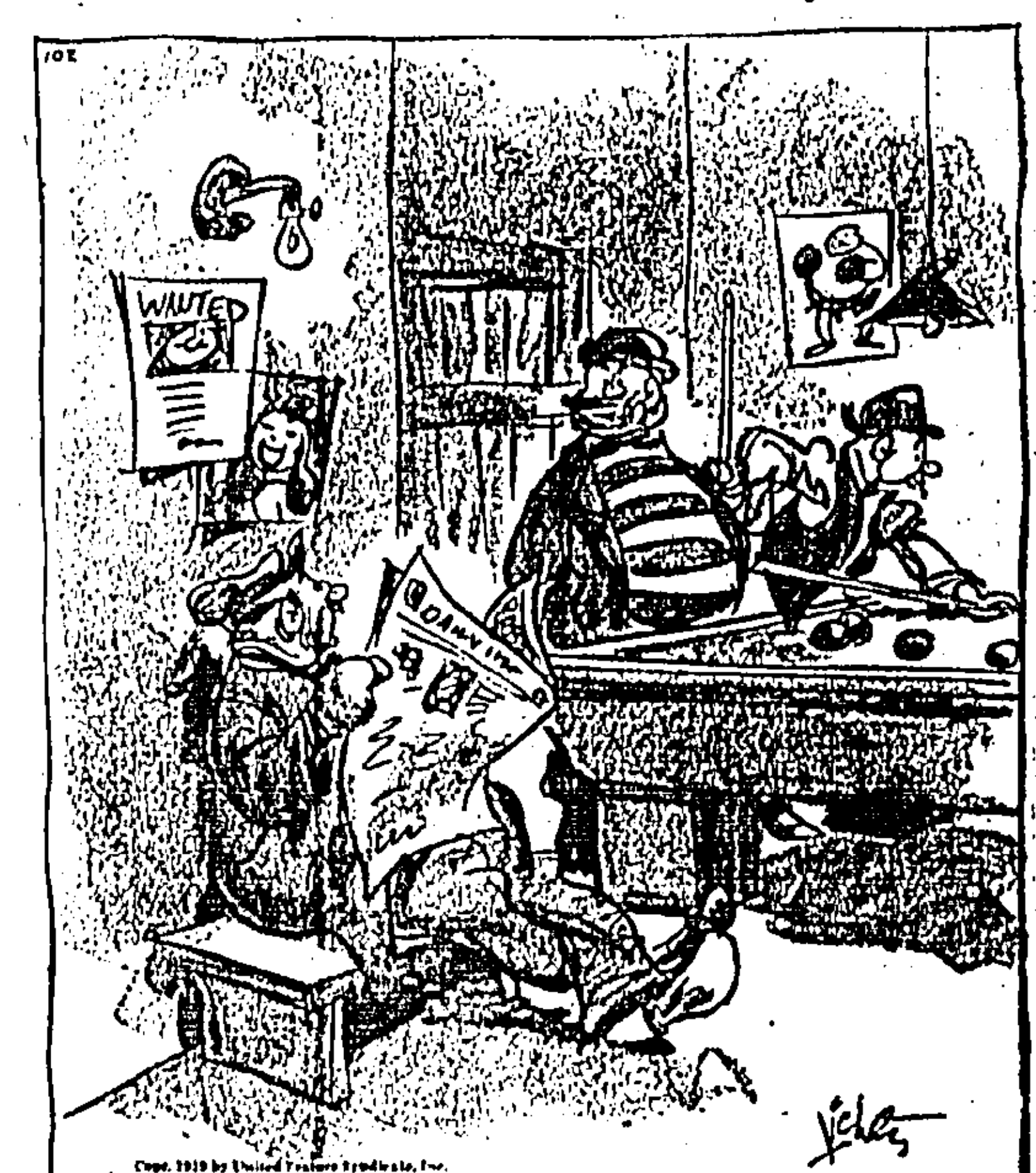
We passed through the carefully  
swept channel of a minefield, and  
watched for drifting mines with the  
naval-rating on board, in charge of  
our Lewis gun.

One morning we glimpsed a  
majestic procession of warships  
stealing along the horizon and out  
of sight. On another afternoon, we  
saw the white superstructure and  
buff funnels of the 11,000-ton Danish  
steamer Canada, lying in shallow  
water after an explosion had wrecked  
her.

### SKIES EMPTY OF ENEMY PLANES

As we steamed northward, into an  
area so far particularly favoured

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I see Slug Pastromi's gone south early this year—it says here  
he's opened the old Flushing mansion at Palm Beach."

## OF ESPECIAL INTEREST TO THE PANIC-MONGERS

# I prefer gas...

by  
**J. B. S. Haldane,  
F.R.S.**

**H**ITLER has promised  
not to use gas, as he  
promised not to bomb  
civilians, and will pre-  
sumably break the promise  
about gas when he wants to, as  
he has broken the other.

I must say that if he drops  
anything in my neighbourhood I  
hope it will be gas. The actual  
casualties caused by gas dropped  
on a British town would be much  
less than by the same weight of  
explosives; but he may hope to  
cause a panic.

I certainly shall not give way to  
panic. On the contrary, I shall be de-  
lighted if I hear the Warden's using  
their rattles.

People are frightened of gas for  
several reasons. Mainly because they  
don't understand it, and it is more  
mysterious than explosives. Partly  
because it causes frightful casualties  
among unprotected people in the open,  
such as the Canadian troops in France  
in March, 1916, and the Abyssinians  
in 1935.

**B**UT we know what to  
expect, and we have the  
double protection of  
buildings and shelters on the one  
hand and masks on the other.

Panic-mongers have spread fantastic  
stories about gas. We are told that a  
ton of gas could kill a hundred thou-  
sand people. So it could if they were  
crowded together without respirators  
in a closed space.

In the same way, for all I know, a  
ton of bullets could kill a hundred  
thousand men if each one was shot  
with visits from German reconnais-  
sance aircraft, our eyes turned sky-  
ward more often. Sure enough, the  
signal was at last flagged by our  
escort, telling us to be on the alert for  
unknown aircraft, believed to be  
hostile.

No passenger went below, unless  
it was to fetch his camera. But the  
skies remained empty, and we were  
forced to conclude, in the end, that  
the rider had either turned back or  
changed his plans.

The voyage ended as unobtrusively  
as it had begun. Our escort left  
us in safe waters, and we proceeded  
—at our own speed at last—to our  
destination. The captain, who had  
spent the greater part of the voyage  
on the bridge, was tired but content-  
ed. It had been a better trip than  
average, he said.

Soon there would be more con-  
ferences of masters, a new course, a  
fresh rendezvous. The hours of un-  
relenting vigilance would begin  
again. In the meantime, the coopers  
and chemists and grocers of Scotland  
would continue to serve their clients.  
In the House of Commons the Min-  
ister would again be able to reassure  
fretful back-benchers. Supplies and  
distribution are being maintained.

through the heart. But things don't  
happen that way in real life. In May,  
1928, a tank containing 11 tons of  
phosgene, the most poisonous of the  
non-persistent gases, burst in the docks  
of Hamburg. The gas formed a cloud  
which rolled over the suburbs of Ham-  
burg and injured people six miles  
away.

But only ten people were killed, and  
300 taken to hospital, although there  
was no warning and there were no  
respirators.

I don't personally believe that a non-  
persistent, or cloud-forming, gas like  
this will be dropped on British cities.  
I think we may get "mustard gas" or  
Lewisite, which are not gases, but  
liquids whose vapours are poisonous  
when breathed, and which also attack  
the eyes and skin.

**F**ORTUNATELY our re-  
spirators give complete  
protection to the lungs  
and eyes. And though the blisters on  
the skin are painful, they have never  
been known to kill anyone.

In 1918 only one in 43 of the British  
casualties from mustard gas died, all  
from lung injuries, and another one in  
43 was ill for over six months, which  
cause sneezing will go through civilian res-  
pirators when present in very large  
amounts. They are most unlikely to  
kill you, but they may make you take  
your respirator off. However, that  
won't matter unless there is gas about  
at the same time. This is, however,  
most unlikely.

It is technically very difficult to  
make a common use of smoke  
bomb, and our fighters, balloons, and  
guns will certainly stop the Nazis from  
aiming carefully, and first dropping  
gas, and then smoke bombs, in the  
same place.

There are people who speak of new  
and horrible gases which will penetrate  
respirators. I don't believe in such  
things for a moment. Mustard gas was  
first made in 1859, and nothing worse  
had been made by 1918.

But if something still more poisonous  
is made, it will almost certainly be  
stopped by our respirators. The reason  
is simple. The respirators do not stop  
light gases such as the carbon mon-  
oxide in coal-gas.

None of these is very poisonous. The  
lethal concentration of carbon mon-  
oxide is one part in two thousand of  
air, as compared with one in a million,  
or so for mustard gas. And all the  
possible light gases have been made.

**T**HE charcoal of our  
respirators stops heavy  
gases regardless of their  
composition. So, as my respirator fits,  
I don't expect anything worse than  
blisters, whatever gas is dropped on me.  
But to make it all safe and to avoid  
panic, three other things are needed.  
First of all helmets for all babies left  
in vulnerable areas, and instructions  
for as many adults as possible in how  
to use them. Second, a possibility of  
testing respirators. Some of them  
don't fit, and none will last for ever.

Every borough should have a room  
where respirators can be tested at least  
twice a year in an atmosphere of tear  
gas. At least one has such a room  
already. A few leaks would be found  
and corrected.

Finally we want the right sort of  
propaganda. Don't let's pretend that  
a fully gas-proof room can be made in  
every house, or that our respirators  
are ideal.

But let us realise that an ordinary  
room will keep nine-tenths of the  
gas outside, and an ordinary respirator  
nine hundred and ninety-nine thou-  
sandths of what goes into the room.

If these things are done, there will  
be no danger, either of death or panic,  
in the event of a gas raid.



## OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

### Test of Allied Blockade

TOKYO, Dec. 10 (Domei).—The 8,000-ton N.Y.K. liner Sanyo Maru which will sail from Rotterdam on December 10 with German goods destined for Japan, will prove a test case to the possible settlement of the international controversy over the Allied blockade of German exports, Japanese newspapers report.

The Japanese Press point out that the Sanyo Maru will be the first Japanese boat to sail in European waters with German goods since the enforcement of the blockade by the Allies on December 6.

The "Asahi Shimbun" reports that the Government is watching the situation with grave concern because it is feared that the controversy will take a serious turn unless the Japanese protest is given special consideration by the Allied Governments.

## CHINESE ENVOY CONFIDENT

New York, Dec. 9.

At the Foreign Policy Association luncheon, the Ambassador, Dr. Hu Shih, said the Chinese are confident of continued aid from Russia, Great Britain and France. Despite the Soviet overtures for a new trade arrangement with Japan, Soviet aid to China was continuing. "To this day," the Ambassador said, "there has not been any indication that the Soviets had abandoned or will abandon their policy of assisting China." The British and French had slightly reduced their armed forces in North China and they might possibly be forced to make "some other minor concession" to Japan, in Asia, "but we are reasonably confident that both France and Britain will continue to give China the right of way through Indo-China and Burma and that they will not betray or desert China during the fight for her existence and independence."

"Such a betrayal of China by the democratic Powers would emphatically relieve them of all their professed war aims and peace aims."

The Ambassador declared that Japan had started the war because "she was determined to crush nationalistic China before China could attain stability and strength."

The isolation policies of Russia and Britain and the United States permitted Japan to strike, he declared, and added that China's struggles had had the good effect of rousing Russia, Britain and the United States from their comfortable slumbers.

On the subject of relations between China and the Western Powers, the Philippine delegate, Senor Camilo Osias, said "Philippines wish all wars to cease; we are anxious to see our neighbours come out well from their trouble and travail."

He added that America could "best meet the challenge in the Far East through the successful performance of her mission in liberating the Philippines."

"In my considered judgment, America can render no greater service to the Far East and the whole world than through the power of her example,"—United Press.

### Birthday Of Stalin

Chungking, Dec. 9.

The Sino-Soviet Cultural Association will hold celebrations on the 60th birthday anniversary of M. Stalin on December 21. His works and publications relative to his life will be exhibited.—Central Press.

### Meeting Of League

Geneva, Dec. 9.

It is reported that the Chinese are not insisting on the carrying over of the Sino-Japanese issue to this session of the League.—Reuter.

## NAVY SEARCH FOR 'NEEDLE IN HAYS-TACK' UNDER WAY

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at present at any rate the menace is held in check.

### Story Of High Courage

These mine-sweeping boats are chiefly manned by volunteers and fishermen, and as an instance of the remarkable qualities of these men to tell the story of a peaceful fishing trawler which was shelled at close range by a U-boat.

The trawler crew launched their boat while shells "whizzed" all around them.

The U-boat, after seeing the small trawler sink, left the crew to their fate in the North Sea.

While it was being launched, the ship's boat had a hole knocked in its side and was in danger of sinking. The engineer, however, promptly stuck his foot into the hole and the other members of the crew plastered it into place with tallow and grease.

For 22 hours he kept his foot in one position, for the lives of all depended on him.

They all got ashore safely.

"We are still a race of seamen carrying on a high tradition," concluded the commentator.

## Empire Unity A Real Fact

### S. African Minister's Declaration

LISBON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—In an interview here, Col. Deney's Reitz, the South African Minister for Native Affairs, said that the unity of the British Empire is a real fact.

"I, who have not a drop of British blood in me, declare that the closer we are the better it is for all," he declared.

**What Makes Empire Great**

They fully realised the necessity of strengthening the ties with Britain and other members of the Commonwealth at a time when imperialist nations were threatening the stability of the world.

Respect for the independence of States made the greatness of the British Empire.

## GANDHI OPPOSED

### Moslem League Leader Condemns Proposal

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—In an interview with "Reuter," Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Moslem League, condemned Gandhi's proposal for a Constitutional Assembly.

Mr. Jinnah reiterates his willingness to give every assistance towards obtaining an honourable solution of the Hindu-Moslem question, but the proposed Assembly would, at best, be manoeuvred and managed by the "Hindu caucuses."

## Foreigners Criticised

Peiping, Dec. 8.

Lieutenant-General Tada today indicated that Japan is at present not concerned with communications in North China.

He said the increasing Soviet aid to the Chinese in the north-west means a diminishment in supplies to Chungking "which is Japan's immediate problem with China only."

"Tientsin is no longer a base for anti-Japanese economic or political activities," General Tada said, but he added that the Tientsin question can be settled only when definite Anglo-Japanese feelings are realised for their common interest.

General Tada criticised foreigners' "suspicions" regarding Japan's ousting foreigners from China.

"We have never experienced such difficulties with foreigners in any previous war, nor is such recorded in the annals of military history," he said.

He asserted that if Japan intended to expel foreigners from China it would be done openly.—United Press.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The customary Saturday feeling pervaded the market, and business recorded, beyond a line of Hotels and another of Docks was on the small side.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,330
Bank of East Asia	\$71
Union Ins.	\$305
Douglases	\$71
Docks	\$19
Providents	\$4.30
Raubs	\$10 1/4
H. and S. Hotels	\$4.05
Luods	\$3
Humphreys	\$7.65
Realities	\$4.30
Chinese Estates	\$100
Tramways	\$10.30
Yamulak Ferries	\$23 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$7.70
Electricity	\$51 1/4
Sandakan Lights	\$11 1/4
Telephone (Old)	\$2 1/2
Telephone (New)	\$3
Cements	\$15.25
Ropes	\$5.20
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$20 1/4
Dairy Farm (New)	\$19 1/4
Watsons	\$8.25
Entertainments	\$8.30
Constructions	\$13 1/4
Sellers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,330
Canton Ins.	\$220
Providents	\$4.40
H. and S. Hotels	\$4.05
Tramways	\$10 1/4
Watsons	\$8.60
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	97 1/4
Sales	
Docks	\$19
Providents	\$4.33
H. and S. Hotels	\$4.07 1/4
Dairy Farms (Old)	\$20.40
Manila Gold Shares	
Atoks	.18 b
Antamoks	.15 1/2 s
Bagulo Gold	.18 s
Batong Buhay	.0110 b
Benguet Consol.	unquoted
Big Wedge	.21 1/2 b
Coco Grove	.17 s
Coco Mines	.0025 b
Demontations	.0012 s
East Mindanao	.0034 s
I. X. L.	.41 s
Ipo Gold	.14 b
Itogons	.27 1/2 s
Mambulao	.02 b
Masbates	.10 1/4 b
Mind. Motherlode	.0034 s
Mine Operation	.10 s
North Camarines	.10 1/4 s
Paracale Gumnans	.10 1/4 s
San Mauricio ex. div.	.31 s
Surigao Con.	.17 s
Suyoc Con.	.18 1/4 b
Syndicate Inv.	.020 s
United Paracale	.31 1/4 s

## Belgian Ship Breaks Up

### Goes Aground Off South-East Coast

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Belgian steamer, Kabinda, 5,000 tons, bound from Pernambuco to Antwerp, went aground on the south-east coast on December 8.

The steamer has now broken her back and has become a complete wreck.

### No Casualties

The crew, numbering 40, with 50 other persons were engaged in dumping cargo into the sea at 1 p.m. today when the ship broke into halves. All were saved and no one was injured.

### Dutch Ship Mined

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Dutch motor-ship, Irmingham, 308 tons, struck a mine off Callantsoog north of Holland.

The crew of seven were rescued.

## CLOTHES FOR JEWS BANNED

### Nazis Impose Two New Repressive Decrees

BERLIN, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Two further repressive Nazi decrees have been issued.

The first states that Jews no longer have rationing cards for clothes—which means that they can neither get new clothes nor materials to repair old ones.

They are also forbidden leather for footwear.

The other decree imposes the death penalty for all crimes involving the use of fire-arms or other dangerous weapons.

## Won't Sail Under Panama Flag

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Maritime Commission announces that the United States Line has withdrawn its application for the transfer of nine of its ships to the Panamanian flag.

The Company indicated that it would file another application seeking approval of the transfer of the registry of eight vessels, which have been tied up since the Neutrality Act was promulgated, to some other registry.

## WARPLANE INVENTOR EXILE IN THE D.E.I.

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strict surveillance over Messerschmidt, who became annoyed and threw his handful of nuts and bolts into the faces of the gun-men and yelled, "Please let me work in peace."

Messerschmidt was also reported to have refused to wear a swastika symbol, and this brought him into displeasure with Adolf Hitler.

Finally he was removed from Krupp's plant where he was engaged in the manufacture of the gun-works at the majority of the army's orders despite strong competition from the Heinkel and Storm plants.

After two years of continued output, Messerschmidt was reported to have been called "on the carpet" and informed that while the regime realized he was not dangerous, he was too many enemies surrounding him, and was advised to leave Germany.

The Reich was said to have appropriated all patents and continued making the Messerschmidt, while the inventor went to Batavia and took Dutch citizenship.

## RED ADVANCE CHECKED BY HEROIC DEFENDERS

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The islands in the Gulf of Finland the inhabitants greeted them with Finnish circles in Helsinki for smile at this report, pointing out that the "inhabitants" of this particular island consist of four coast-guards and a lighthouse keeper.

The island was bombed and shelled, but the men escaped to the mainland before a single Soviet soldier set foot on the island.

## Week-End Softball Scores

The following were the scores of the week-end softball matches:

**Girls'**

Cubs forfeited to Pirates.

Wahoos 6, Canadian Chinese 4.

Hongkong Ballgirls 12, Panthers 11.

Wildcats 10, Ramblerettes 4.

**Men's**

Canadian Chinese 9, Liga Portu-guesa 2.

Mindance 12, Trojans 9.

**Friendly**

Recrelo A. 7, Tulsa 6.

KWEILIN, Dec. 11 (Central).—Six Japanese aircraft staged another raid over Chuanchow, in north Kwangsi near the Hunan border, yesterday. Many bombs were released.

## Triangular Tournament Rugger

### (By "Fly-half")

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Godfrey broke too quickly from the scrum and flattened Clarke, before the ball had been heeled. Paul made no mistake with the resulting penalty kick.

The next score was Bidwell's, and has been described above. Castleton failed to convert. Club then attacked on the other wing, following good work by Hutchison and Bidwell, which let Bosanquet romp over, practically unopposed. Castleton converted.

### PAUL'S KICKING

NAVY then took control of the game through good work by their forwards, and were heartened when Paul kicked a penalty goal from well out. Navy maintained the pressure, and before half time, from a loose scrum near the touch line on Club's twenty five, the ball went out on the left to Paul, who kicked a well-taken dropped goal with his left foot. This brought Navy's score up to ten points, against Club's eleven. The whistle went for half time with no change in the scoring.

### TYPICAL TRY

STEWART put Club further ahead when he scored one of his typical tries. Charter failed to convert. Charter, using his powerful side step, broke through the Navy three quarter line, and repeated his side step when opposed by Bax, to carry on and just get over the line when tackled by Paul, who had made a great effort to overtake Charter and only just failed. Castleton converted.

Paul kicked a penalty goal when Hutchison was being barging. Full time came without further score though Navy tried hard. Lt. Pirie of the Royal Scots, refereed.

The teams were:

Club—F. M. Thompson (15), D. I. Bosanquet (5), H. D. Bidwell (3), J. C. Charter (4), J. R. Henderson (22), R. E. Heasman (11), R. G. Castleton (25), P. F. Wanklyn (20), E. A. Bonpas (27), C. F. Needham (12), A. M. Kennedy (18), A. F. Walkden (18) (Captain), and G. B. Godfrey (28).

### Club "A" 14 8th R. A. 10

CLUB A defeated 8th. H.B. R.A. by 14 pts. (a goal, two tries and a penalty goal) to 10 pts. (a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal). The gunners were without Richards, their powerful wing threequarter, who is still on the injured list, and played ten men following thumb injury to Smythe, soon after the game started.

Club were also below full strength and played two forwards in the three-quarter line. "Thomson was an enterprising scrum half, for Club. With his kicking up in three-quarter movements was once more much in evidence. His long perfect passes gave Club a good advantage and allowed the threequarters to lie deep. Carruthers was not at his best, being tackled in possession too often.

Nelson was the best Club back on view, and in the second half Deane, on being taken out of the pack to play at inside threequarter, defended well, and always seemed to be on the spot when danger threatened his line. Up forward, Searle, Burford and Hynds served Club well in the loose, whilst Richardson did good work in the lineouts. Dalziel was effective both at forward and later at three-quarter.

### MILITARY MAINSTAY

HOOK was the mainstay of the military back division, while ably supported by Arlingstall and Keeble. Cook, McDermott and Plummer worked hard in the military pack.

The military men scored first when Hook dribbled over for an unconverted try. Nelson scored with a try which was not maligned. Thompson put Club further in the lead, when he backed up to take a pass from Hynds, who at the time was playing wing threequarter, to score near the corner flag.

Burford, just after the restart, failed to kick a penalty goal from midway out in front of the posts. In an attack by the Gunners, Keeble at full back, came into possession in front of the Club posts, and dropped goal. Thompson then pounced with a splendid solo effort, in which he weaved his way through his opponents' defence, to carry on and score behind the posts. Richardson converted. Plummer kicked a penalty goal for the Gunners, to reduce Club's lead. Richardson completed the scoring when he kicked a penalty goal for the Club.

## Henry Cotton Plans To Wed

London, Dec. 8.

The golf star, Henry Cotton has applied to the Caxton Hall Registry for a licence to marry Mrs. Maria Isabel Moss, a native of Argentina, within the next few days.—United Press.

## Reich Feeling The Pinch

BERLIN, Dec. 10 (Reuter Bulletin).—Dr. Walther Funk, Minister of Economics and President of the Reichsbank, has urged an increase of bank savings as a national duty.

An article in the "National Zeitung" indicates once again pressure of the war machine on the German people.

It warns of more taxation to come and says that everyone must help according to his means and not his wishes.

## AMERICAN MARITIME SCHEME

Washington, Dec. 8.

At a Press conference today President Roosevelt, following a conference with Mr. Joseph Kennedy, American Ambassador to London, who has recently arrived on a visit to the United States, said progress was being made in a plan designed to revive the American Merchant Marine. He said an attempt would be made to use American vessels on trade routes outside the war areas for carrying goods which were now being carried by belligerent merchant ships. The President said Mr. Kennedy had taken the plan to the Maritime Commission.

President Roosevelt has studied Ambassador Kennedy's confidential reports on the European situation. It was noted that when Mr. Kennedy left for Boston after two Presidential conferences, he left a bulging brief case, presumably with the President. The Ambassador will return to Washington next week.

Mr. Kennedy told the Press that if he told the reporters what he thought of the European crisis, they would be obliged to forego their dinners.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, advised Great Britain that the interference of shipments to the United States in the course of the British blockade of German exports would constitute a violation of international law and that the United States reserved all rights and the rights of her nationals whenever and to what extent the blockade infringed, and requested Great Britain not to interfere with the legitimate trade of the United States.

He said that the British blockade, if applied literally would subject American vessels to diversion to British ports if they were found carrying goods of former German ownership regardless of the place of lading of such goods or the place of destination, regardless of ownership at the time the vessel was intercepted, the words "enemy origin" covering any goods having origin in any territory under enemy control, and the words "enemy property" including goods belonging to any person in any such territory.

Mr. Hull gave his practical reason for supporting the United States position on the British blockade of German exports.

"In many instances," he said, "orders for goods of German origin are placed by American nationals for which they are paid in whole or in part. In other instances, goods cannot be readily duplicated in other markets. . . and they have relied on such purchases or right to purchase for carrying on their legitimate trade. In these circumstances the British Government must readily appreciate that the United States Government cannot agree, with equanimity to the measures contemplated which, if applied, would add inconveniences and damage to which innocent trade and commerce is already subjected."—United Press.

### Panama Flag

Washington, Dec. 9.

The Maritime Commission announced that the United States Line has withdrawn the application for the transfer of nine of its ships to the Panamanian flag. The Company indicated it would file another application seeking approval of the transfer of the registry of eight vessels which have been tied up since the Neutrality Act was promulgated, to some other registry.—United Press.

## SHANGHAI HOARDING

Shanghai, Dec. 10.

In an attempt to check profiteering by rice dealers, the French Consulate and Shanghai Municipal Council authorities today warned of drastic measures.

A proclamation issued declares any persons found hoarding, speculating or profiteering in rice will be denied sanctuary in the French Concession or the International Settlement and will be liable to confiscation of their stocks.

The proclamation urges all people to report cases of hoarding, speculation or profiteering to the police so action can be taken.—Reuter.

## BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Shanghai, Dec. 9.

The Japanese government, who two months ago forcibly occupied the office of the Bank of Communications in the International Settlement, are rumoured to be preparing to evacuate the premises shortly, says a report in the Sui Wan Pao but the bank authorities, hitherto have not been notified by the Japanese of their intentions.—Reuter.

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"The Mikado" (Queen's and Alhambra): Elaborate Technicolor version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta. The result is not so much a substitute for the stage version as a Savoyard novelty in which Sullivan fares better than Gilbert. The London Symphony Orchestra plays the accompaniments. Kenny Baker, from American radio, Marilyn Green and Sydney Granville of the D'Oyly Carte company, John Barclay and Constance Willis have important parts.

"The Oklahoma Kid" (King's): A Wild West story about the settlement of Oklahoma with James Cagney as a lawless adventurer who beats a ruthless gang of outlaws and single-handedly

## Prize-Winners At I.R.C. Dance

The following were the prize-winners at the Indian R.C. dance on Saturday evening:

Fancy Dress.—Ladies, Miss Agnes Leung (Chinese bridal dress); Gen. Homen A. R. Markar (Apache).

Spot Dance.—Miss Lucy Sumnall.

All the prizes were donated by Mr. C. Rahim.

Weeks' vengeance on them for his father's murder. The film sells very well on melodramatic action than on good performances by Humphrey Bogart, Donald Crisp and Genevieve



# MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

## NAVY FORWARDS FAIL AGAINST SOUTH CHINA "B"

### Chinese Defenders Stand Up Well Against A Persistent Attack

(By "Rox")

Despite scoring the first goal and almost completely monopolising the game, Royal Navy failed in their efforts to score further in their First Division League soccer game, allowing South China "B" to run away with the honours by three goals to one.

Both goalkeepers played brilliant games, but Robinson was more often tested. Cheung had an almost easy time throughout. A feature of the game was the rattled manner in which Navy forwards appeared when faced with only Cheung to beat.

Royal Navy were without some of their star players, Hendy and Honeywell being on the injured list, while Middleton and Coles have left the Colony. Kellow came in for Honeywell at left-back, O'Regan taking the pivot position with Hazzard, their first reserve, at centre-forward. Britt came in for Coles in the left half position and Wotten was initiated to the left-wing position for Middleton. South China "B" had two changes, Tam Chun-fai deposing Lau Wai-pui at left-half and Cheung Moon-wing came in for Luk Yat-hung, at left-wing, both being on the injured list. Chan Tak-fai came off the injured list to occupy the centre-forward position.

For the Navy, Thoburn played an exceptionally good game, but his efforts proving unavailing towards the end he somewhat marred play by being a trifle selfish. Wotten had not the speed and dash of Middleton and above all, the latter's deadly accuracy in front of goal. Hazzard played a better game at centre-forward than at centre-half, from which position he changed with O'Regan. In the second half, Allison was the most dangerous of the forwards and he combined splendidly with Phippen to form the only Navy menace in attack.

#### KELLOW SHAKY

LAYHE WAS THE choice of the halves, clearing and blocking nicely. Britt was good, while O'Regan was good in patches, his passes being faulty. Roughly stood head and shoulders above Kellow, who was very shaky. Robinson was his usual superb self. For the Chinese, Chan Tak-fai was seen to great advantage, his dashes, positioning, and clean passes stamping him as one of the finest centre-forwards in the Colony at the moment. Cheung played a good game on the left-wing, being speedy

and centring beautifully. He was the counter-part of Yeung, who was continually cutting in and thus unbalancing the forward line. The inside men, Yung and Tam played a feeding game to Chan and practically ignored the wing men, who were depending on the halves to send them off.

Lam Tak-po was the pick of the half-back line. He was given good support by his wing halves, Yau Wah-hing having the edge on Tam Chun-fai. Hau was easily the better of the two backs, kicking stronger, and with hardly a fault.

#### SAILORS' APPALLING SHOOTING

NAVY ATTACKED FROM the whistle and penned South China "B" in their own area. Their appalling shooting, however, was brought into sharp relief, Thoburn then Allison shooting yards off the mark and paring weakly when well positioned. Taking the Navy defence on the nap, Yeung tested Robinson with a fine shot. Navy showed a tendency to play Hazzard with pass after pass and in such rapid succession that he almost tied himself up in knots trying to make something out of them. In one of

## CLUB BEAT NAVY IN RUGBY TOURNAMENT

### Superb Kicking By Paul Fails To Save Sailors From 19-13 Defeat

(By "Fly-half")

THE ROYAL NAVY, fielding a team much below the strength of their regular T. T. teams, on Saturday on their own ground put up a stiff resistance to Club's superiority. Although they did not once penetrate Club's defence they never gave up trying.

They were very forceful towards the later stages of the first half, when Paul by his superb kicking had reduced their deficit to one point and had thus placed his team in an unexpectedly advantageous position, for bringing off a Navy win.

It was not to be however, for Club went further ahead just after the restart through a try by Stewart, which was again added to when Charter got over for a try which was converted by Castleton, before Navy gained other points.

Club's win by 19 pts. (two goals two tries and a penalty goal) to 13 pts. (three penalty goals and dropped goal) would appear to place them in a strong position for the winning of the tournament. Navy's good form on Saturday, makes a possibility of a Navy victory over Army next Saturday more probable.

Club's display was very sound, with field weaknesses apparent. Their defence work was good, high tackling being practically non-existent. Bidwell was again on top of his form, with his touch kicking proving invaluable for his side in defence, and his backing up and strong running singling him out as the best attacking threequarter on the field.

In the movement which led up to his try he handled the ball three times. From a scrum the ball went out from Charter to Bidwell—Bidwell to Hutchison—Hutchison to Bidwell, who had nipped quickly round behind Hutchison to accept the pass with the ball still going away from the scrum—Bidwell to Stewart, who was one man over. Stewart carried the ball down the touch line to draw Bax, the full back, and then pass in to Bidwell who scored.

Stewart and Bosanquet were two powerful wing threequarters. Hutchison's handling once more spoiled his display. His tackling and occasional breaks through, however, more than redeemed this fault of his.

#### HALVES WORK WELL

CLUB'S HALVES worked well together. Charter did exceptionally well at stand off half, where, not only did he feed his threequarters well, but also indulged in some successful movements on his own. One of them resulting in a try. Thomson at full back, was shaky in his fielding of high balls, although he dealt confidently with low ones, which awkwardly bounced his way. His tackling and kicking was faultless. All over he had very little to do.

#### NAVY'S BEST

PAUL was Navy's best threequarter, although he did not have the same measure of success in his attempts to break clean through as Bowden on the wing outside to him. The former generally found the Club players upon him as soon as he obtained possession. In defence, he worked hard, and was not content with watching his own opposite, but came up to his other threequarters when possible. Bowden was a nippy threequarter who went fast off his mark, and took advantage of his short stature and sheer speed, to slip the clutches of his opposites. He was definitely a success.

Tears began well and had success when he delayed his passes in such a manner as to draw Stewart, on Club's wing, and give Kennedy, Navy's right wing threequarter, more room in which to move. He was seen in very few movements in the second half. Kennedy found Stewart to big an obstacle in attack, and had difficulty in holding him in defence. Bax appeared to lie too far behind his threequarters, with the result that Club players, who stumbled through Navy threequarters, had time to recover before being confronted by the full back.

#### IN LIVELY MOOD

OLAUKE was in a lively mood at scrum half for Navy, and it was a pity that O'Riordan, at stand off half, rendered practically ineffective the former's good play. The stand off seemed to be playing out of position, and was a definite weak link in the Navy back division. Up forward the play was practically even with Navy offsetting their advantage in the loose against Club's superiority in the tight scrums. Navy were best served by Taylor, Barlow, Gale and Brown, until he received a nasty cut on his eyelid in the second half. Needham, Walkden and Castleton did sterling work for Club.

#### THE PLAY

IN THE FIRST quarter an hour of play Club went ahead, when Castleton kicked a penalty goal, from a



Hau Yung-nang holding off a Navy forward while Cheung Wing-choi effects a full length save in the Navy-South China "B" match at Causeway Bay yesterday. The Chinese team won by 3-1.—Ming Yuen.

## Societies' Bowls Won By St. Andrew's

In the annual bowls match between St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies, played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday, the latter won by 168 shots to 147.

In the annual bowls match between St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies, played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday, the latter won by 21 shots.

The scores were: V. C. Labrum (St. George's), H.E. The Governor, J. Denkin, and J. K. Bousfield (skip) beat A. S. Russell (St. Andrew's), Sir Atholl MacGregor, W. Macfarlane and Dr. G. Black (skip), 24-18. J. S. Howell (St. George's), J. Watson, T. E. Robson and B. W. Bradbury (skip) lost to R. Main, (St. Andrew's), A. C. Milne, J. Fraser and R. C. Wallace (skip), 14-16.

G. T. Padgett (St. George's), G. Thomson, E. Eccleall, A. W. Grimmit (skip) lost to W. Melrose (St. Andrew's), C. B. Robertson, J. Kempton and J. C. Chalmers (skip), 11-28.

R. P. Phillips (St. George's), V. Walker, S. Randle and F. Goodwin (skip) beat S. L. L. (St. Andrew's), M. Ferguson, D. Munro and S. Gray (skip), 41-15. P. S. Cassidy (St. George's), Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, S. M. White and J. G. Meyer (skip) beat A. M. Callan (St. Andrew's), R. P. Shaw, W. S. Dall and J. C. Brown (skip), 19-17.

B. D. Evans (St. George's), Hon. Mr. Justice Lindsell, E. V. Searle and J. Hollidge (skip) beat W. McLeod (St. Andrew's), J. Russell, A. Macfarlane and A. Holland (skip), 22-16.

B. E. Maughan (St. George's), Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, D. W. Waterston and W. S. Drake (skip) lost to W. Walker (St. Andrew's), W. Houston, R. G. Craig and R. Duncan (skip), 11-21. W. A. Corne (St. George's), L. de Rome, T. Armstrong and A. E. Carey (skip) beat W. S. Glendinning (St. Andrew's), J. S. Riddell, W. Main and J. C. S. Fender (skip), 26-16.

## Rifle Shooting Programme Amended

December's programme of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be as follows and not as previously announced.

Wednesday, December 13, at 1.15 p.m.—N.R.A. Overseas Postal Team Match and spoon and practice shoot. (300, 500 and 600 yards).

Sunday, December 17 at 8.45 a.m.—A programme to be arranged by the H.K. Police Reserve, which will be announced later.

Wednesday, December 20, at 1.45 p.m.—Spoon and Practice Shoot. (300, 500 and 600 yards).

First Round of "Bellies Shield" to be completed.

## Colony Marksmen For Overseas Postal Match

The following have been chosen to fire in the National Rifle Association Overseas Postal Match on Wednesday at Kowloon: Aperture Rights—Lt. A. J. Le Seclier (Engineers), Sgt. Russell (Police), C. Sgt. Hale (Middlesex), Pte. S. M. Cooper (Middlesex), Sgt. Hoop (Marines) (R.M.),

#### HOW TEAMS FARED

##### FIRST DIVISION

Navy	1 S. China "B"	3
S. China "A"	3 Kwong Wah	0
Police	3 Club	2
St. Joseph's	2 Kowloon	0
Eastern	4 Middlesex	4

##### SECOND DIVISION "A"

Eastern	2 R.A.O.C.	2
8th R.A.	4 Club	1
30th R.A.	2 Kit Chee	0

##### SECOND DIVISION "B"

Police	0 Engineers	10
R. Scots	1 Kowloon	1
Signals	1 Kwong Wah	2

##### THIRD DIVISION

Signals	3 Engineers	0
R.A.M.C.	2 South China	5
International	1 R.A.S.C.	0
12th R.A.	5 Kunnans	2
24th R.A.	3 R. Scots	0

#### WOTTEN'S MISSED OPPORTUNITY

NAVY RETURNED to the attack and Phippen shot out of the ground. A free kick was given for back charging against Yau, and Britt kicked to Wotten, who spoiled their only chance of equalising when he dallied too long in the goalmouth. Navy's shooting then fell to pieces and although their approach work was far superior to any the Chinese showed, they just could not place the ball between the sticks.

South China's third and last goal resulted from a misunderstanding between Britt and Kellow. Yeung received to cut in and was challenged by Kellow, who stopped abruptly when Yeung made to swerve out again. Britt from a standing start, was too late to stop Yeung, who passed him with feet to spare and sent in a hard shot which Kellow got his boot to but deflected into his own net.

Royal Navy—Robinson; Roughly, Kellow, Layhe. O'Regan, Britt, Phippen, Allison, Hazzard, Thoburn and Wotten. South China "B"—Cheung Wing-choi, Hau Yung-nang, Yuen Shu, Yau Wah-hing, Lam Tai-po, Tam Chun-fai, Yeung Shui-yick, Yung Kan-po, Chan Tak-fai, Tam Chiu-kuan, and Cheung Moon-wing.

## Bobby Riggs Marries

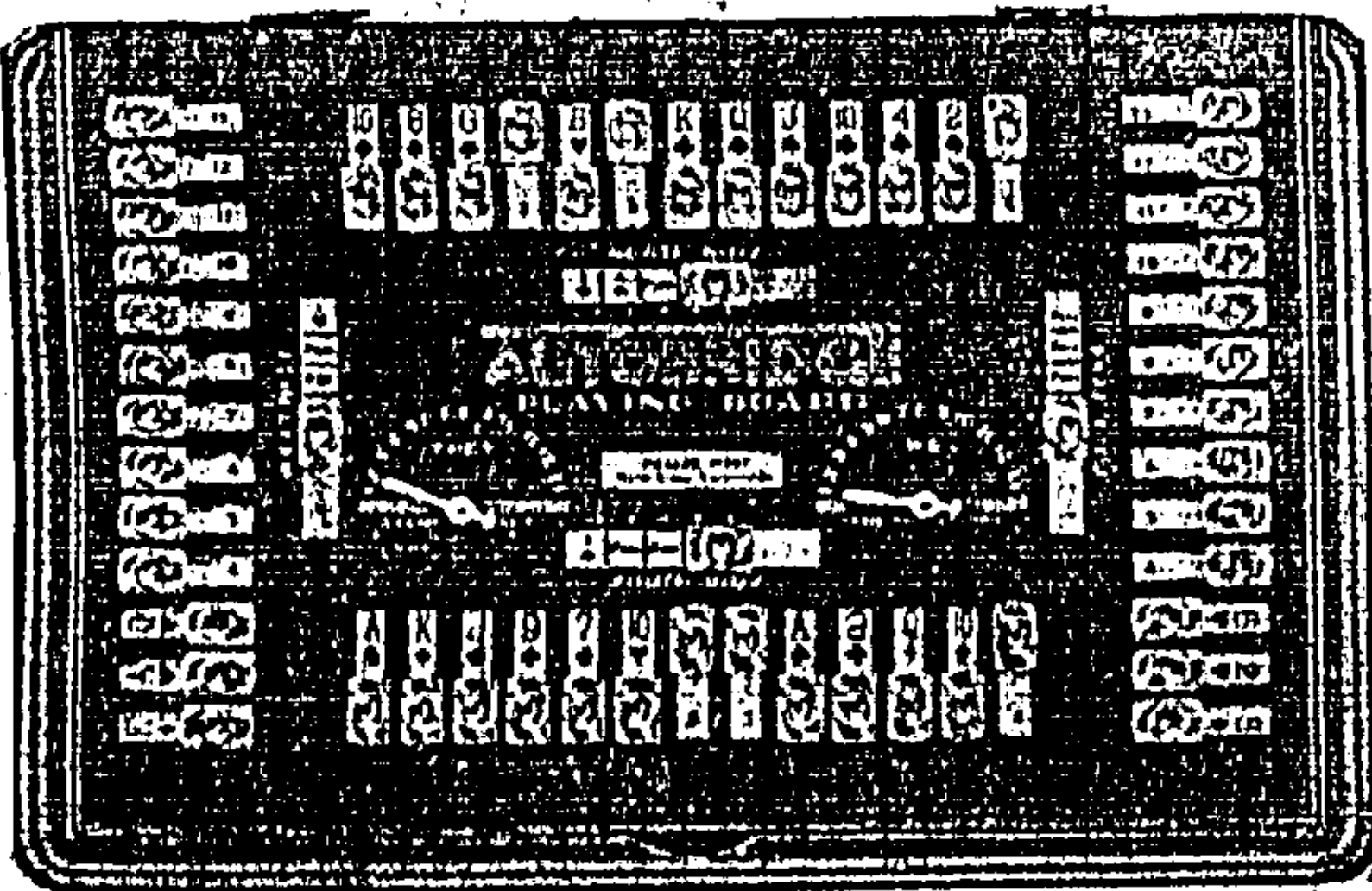
Chicago, Dec. 10. The famous tennis player R. L. Riggs, has married Miss Catherine Anne Fisher, of Chicago.—Reuter Special

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No. 104	35.30
No. 330	29.00
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Nos. 18, 453, 398.	

Race 3	
No. 210	\$225.10
No. 170	64.30
No. 117	32.10
Unplaced ponies (\$10.00 each):	
Nos. 284, 437, 213.	

Race 4	
No. 31	\$270.30
No. 321	92.10

Race 5	
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No. 232	99.50
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No. 160	32.60
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Race 7	
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No. 262	65.30
No. 100	32.60
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By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
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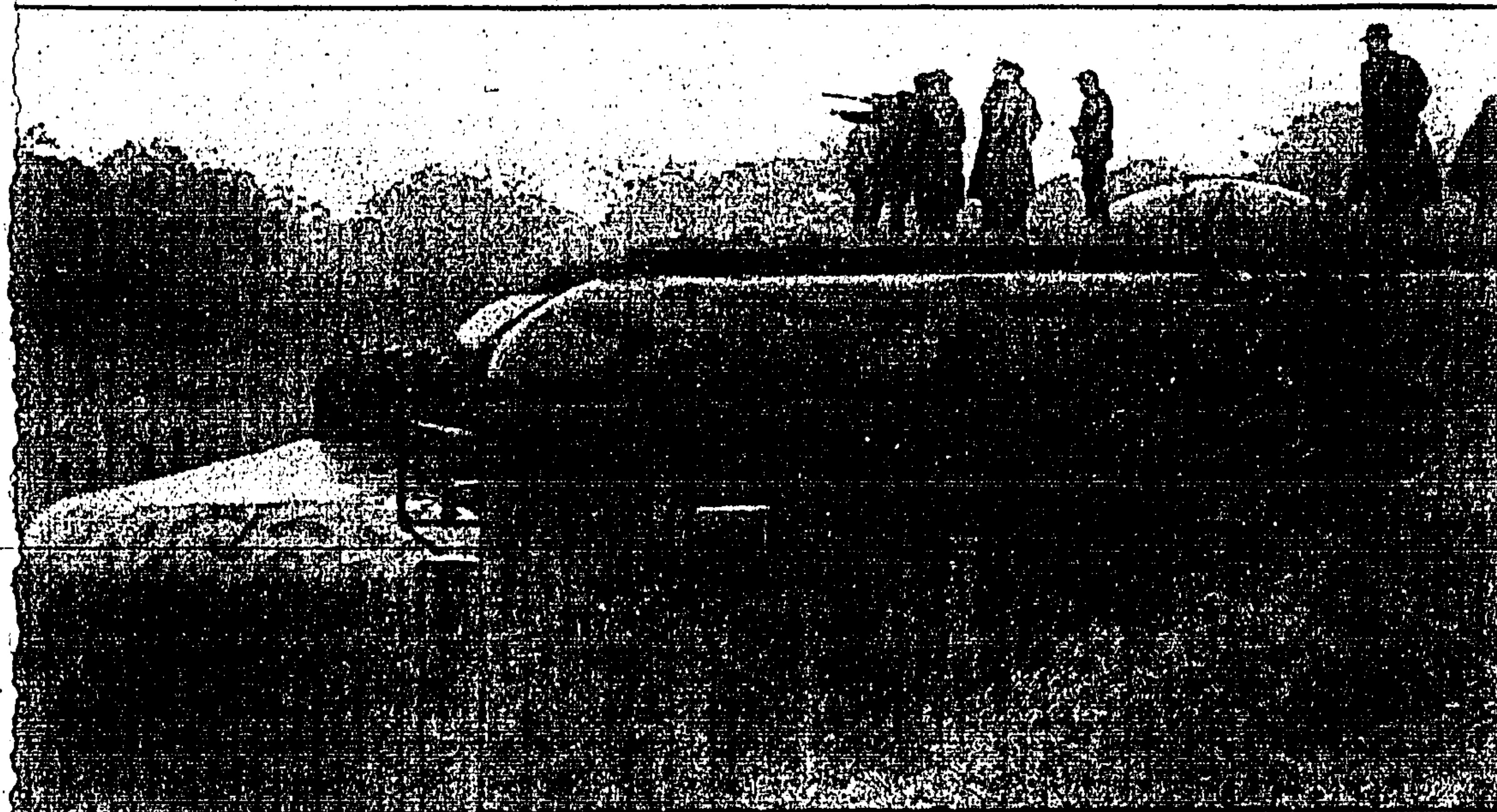
## FINNS MARCH TO DEFEND THEIR FREEDOM

Against great modern armies, little nations are saved only by terrain. Finland's lakes and vast swamps make an almost impassable barrier to the Russian tanks and armoured cars. But in winter they are frozen over, vulnerable to expert ski troops. Furthermore, Finland's coast is long and open. The Finnish Army totals 30,000 in peacetime, 300,000 in wartime, plus 110,000 veteran militiamen. Every man (perhaps a million) would fight and his place at home would be taken by the women of the famed Lotta Svärd organisation. Whole families belong to the various defence organisations. Last summer volunteers dug trenches along the border of Russia where Finland has its only considerable fortifications.

An old grudge the Finns have against the Russians is the Treaty of Dorpat of 1920 by which Russia was to have given semi-autonomy to the Karelians, a people related to the Finns. After a revolt, the Soviets wiped out the Karelian leaders and put in the usual Moscow regime of bureaucrats, soldiers and secret police.



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popular dainty at tea-time or with  
morning coffee.

Sieve five ounces of flour, one  
ounce of rice flour, two ounces of  
caster sugar, and a tiny pinch of salt  
into a basin. Rub in very lightly  
four ounces of butter or best mar-  
garine, add three ounces of chopped  
walnuts. Do not add any liquid but  
press the crumbs together until the  
mixture attains a consistency like  
putty.

Roll out to about one-quarter of an  
inch in thickness, stamp into rounds,  
and after placing on an ungreased  
tin, bake from ten to fifteen minutes  
in a fairly hot oven. Cool off and  
dust over with caster sugar, then  
store in air-tight tin.

The biscuits can be kept for a time  
if they are crisped up before using by  
being placed for a few moments in a  
moderate oven.

D. F.

### APPLE PORRIDGE

STEW sufficient apples without  
sugar to give 1 pint of apple pulp.  
Sweeten the pulp with brown sugar  
and then stir in 1 tablespoonful of  
cornflour which has been blended  
with a little cold water.

Bring to the boil and cook for a  
few minutes, stirring all the time and  
serve hot.

B. M.

### Puddings For Two

IT is always more difficult to cater  
for a small number than for a  
large family, and many people who  
have only two to cater for—"newly  
marrieds"—in particular find it  
difficult to ring the changes, especial-  
ly in the pudding line, without being  
wildly extravagant. Here are a few  
tried recipes that may be helpful.

#### Windsor Pudding

Three ozs breadcrumbs, 1 oz flour,  
2 ozs shredded suet, 2 ozs peeled and  
chopped apples, 1 tablespoonful  
chopped peel, 1 oz moist sugar, few  
drops lemon essence, good pinch  
baking powder, 1 egg and a little  
milk.

Mix the flour, breadcrumbs, and  
suet. Add sugar and fruit, mixing  
with a fork. Add beaten egg and  
sufficient milk to make mixture bind  
together. Pour into greased bowl  
and steam three hours.

#### Steamed Walnut Pudding

Take 4 ozs flour, 2 ozs sugar, 1 oz  
margarine, 2 ozs shelled walnuts, ¼  
teaspoonful ground cinnamon, and a  
good pinch of cloves; 1½ tablespoonful  
water, 1 egg, ½ teaspoonful bak-  
ing powder.

Cream the margarine and sugar.  
Add flour, spices, beaten egg, and  
water. Stir in baking powder lightly,  
and lastly the walnuts (chopped.)  
Steam steadily for two hours.

A good sauce to serve with either  
of these puddings is made thus:—  
Put ½ teaspoonful water, the strain-  
ed juice of half a lemon and a  
dessertspoonful of sugar or syrup into  
a saucepan and boil five minutes.  
Just before serving add a small pinch  
of baking soda; stir well and serve.

If the meat course is being baked  
in the oven, try this pudding as it can  
be baked at the same time and thus  
save gas.

#### Grundle Pudding

Cream 1 oz of butter and 1 oz  
sugar. Add 1 beaten egg and  
gradually stir in 1 oz flour. Mix  
well, then stir in 1 gill milk. The  
mixture should be of a creamy con-  
sistency. Allow to soak half an  
hour, then stir in a pinch of baking  
powder. Pour at once into greased  
pudding dish and bake in a moderate  
oven (Reg. 3) for three-quarters of  
an hour. Serve with:—

#### Jam Sauce

Dissolve 2 tablespoonfuls jam, 1 oz  
sugar, 1 tablespoonful lemon juice in  
½ pint water. Simmer slowly ten  
minutes and serve, or, if you have  
a cup of tinned fruit juice, put it in  
pan; add a dessertspoonful corn-  
flour broken down with a gill of  
water. Bring to the boil, sweeten if  
necessary, and serve.

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soda, and a pinch of salt. Add half  
a cupful of fat (margarine, dripping,  
or a vegetable cooking fat), a cupful  
of brown sugar (or golden syrup),  
and a cupful of water, after warming  
them together on the stove. MIX  
well, turn into a lined tin and bake  
in a moderate oven for about an  
hour.

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at all for several days. Wrap it in  
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W. B.

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time, the juice and grated rind of a  
lemon.  
Bring it to the boil again, still stir-  
ring rapidly, and in a large teaspoonful  
of egg powder and continue stirring  
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Turn into small jars when cool and  
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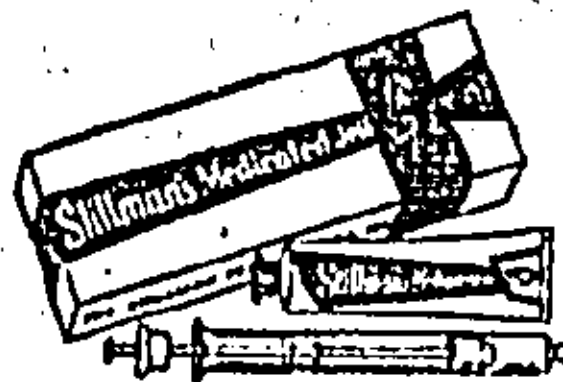
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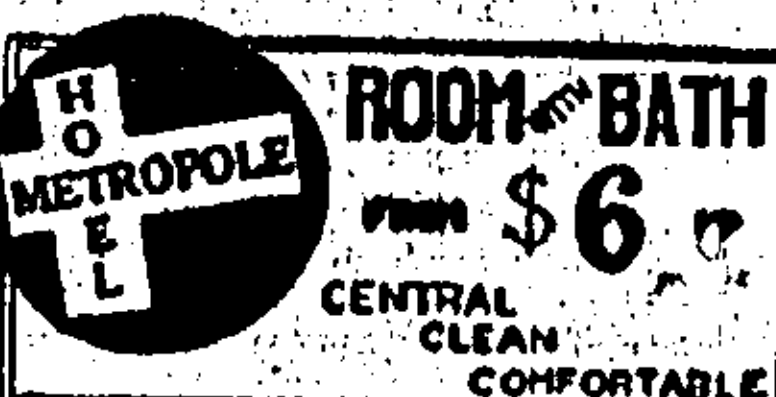
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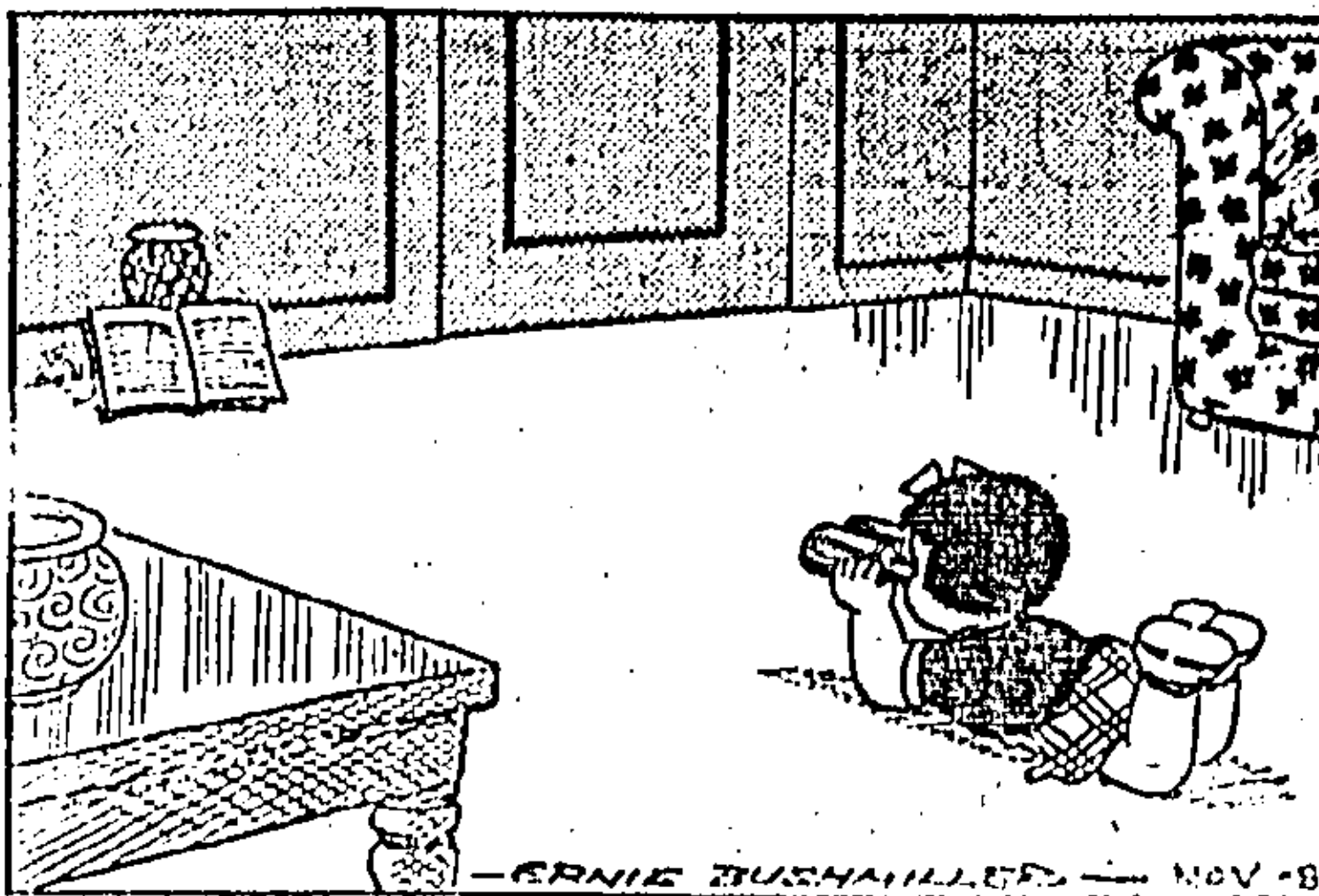
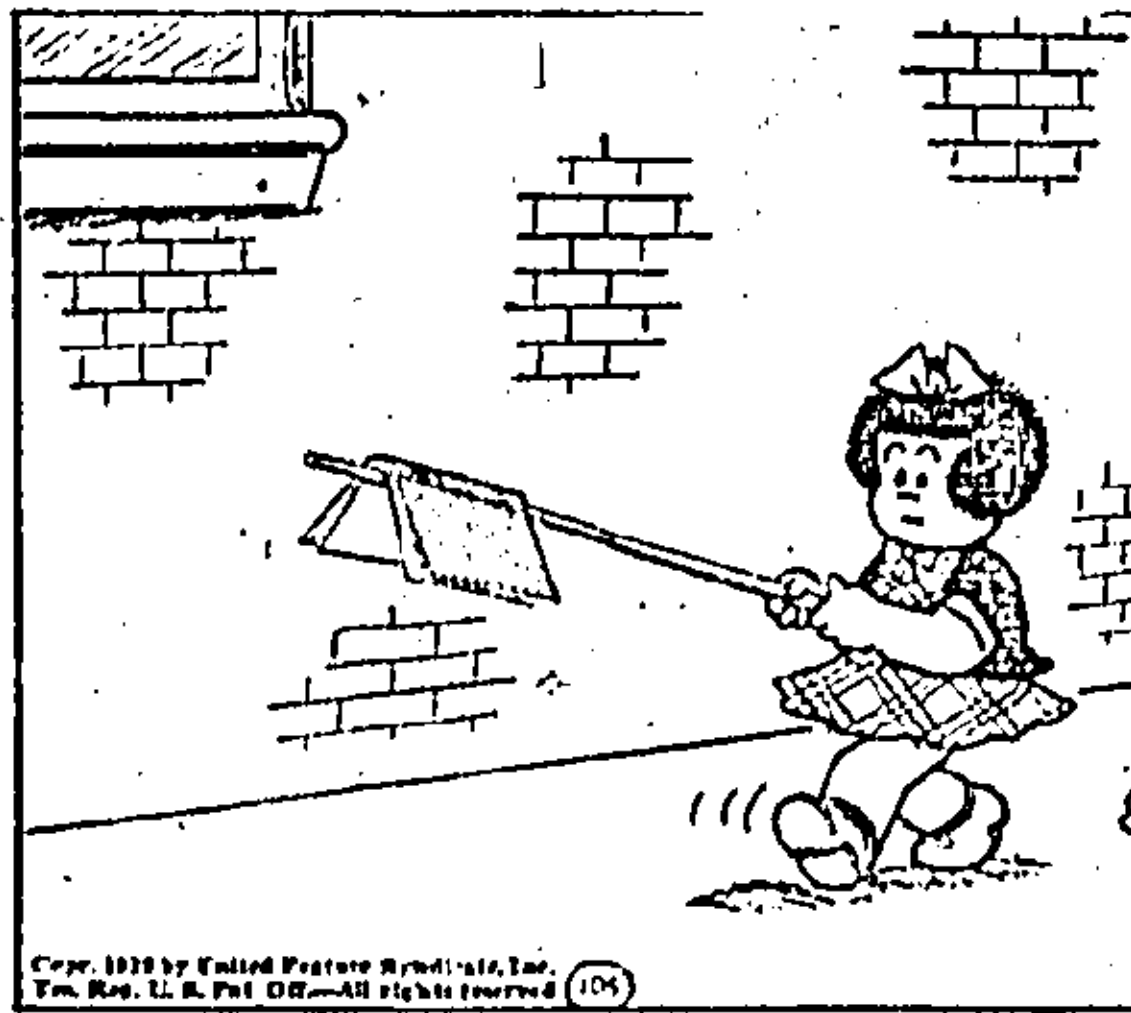
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AMERICA FINDS NEW ROUTE TO FAR EAST

ON the west coast of the United States, commercial aviation is about to have a new trade route to the Orient by way of the Arctic. The new proposed commercial air route will travel over the Arctic to Asia and the fertile tridelands of Japan, China and Malaya.

In the immediate future the granting of an air-mail franchise for a 170-mile sky-way from Great Falls, Montana, to Lethbridge, Canada, the last link in an all-land route from Los Angeles to Nome, Alaska, will have been forged.

Test flights by several nations have culminated in the formation of air maps for the quick hop over less than 150 miles of Bering Straits to upper Siberia.

Transport Lane

Nations of the world have been working on the plans for a transport line between Asia, Canada and America with the route just south of the Arctic Circle.

This will bring Hongkong about 1,000 miles near California and Canada than the present route over the trans-Pacific course.

Pioneering and surveying over the Bering Straits to Asia has been completed. Russia being the most outstanding country in this respect, having

made three successful hops over the Pole.

Last year Howard Hughes, the American, flashed down the Arctic route, and it is reported he is about to make another survey flight on this particular section. The Japanese used this route on their "good will flight" around the world.

According to experts, the route from the Pole to Hongkong would travel down the Kamchatka Peninsula to Japan. Between the long finger of land that extends south from the Arctic and Nippon lie the tiny Kurile Islands, possible intermediate bases.

Immense Revenue

The revenue possibilities from such an air route are immense. No railroads or highways serve the upper Arctic or Canada. Large aircraft hauling freight through the rich oil and mineral lands of the north in Canada and Alaska would definitely be profitable.

And an all-land route to Asia would touch many a city not served by air to-day. The Pacific route, which will always be valuable, passes only at far-away mid-ocean islands.

Completion of the Great Falls-Lethbridge run will give the United States the longest north-south skyway in existence. From Nome to Santiago, Chile, the two extremities, roll 11,250 miles of fully equipped airline routes.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

SWISS BAN FOOD FOR NAZIS

Germany's foreign trade has received another jolt through the recent Swiss revision of the clearing system, which shows a deficit of £6,700,000 due to Switzerland.

To wipe this off the Swiss are forced to accept what they can get from the Nazis. The latter chiefly depended on machinery and coal for their exports to Switzerland, but owing to their lack of steel and their home consumption of coal, both of these are now almost unobtainable. To try to increase the production of coal for export the Nazis have taken between 20,000 and 30,000 workers off road and railway work and put them in the mines.

On their side the Swiss have drastically reduced their exports to Germany. One measure is that neither food nor clothing may now be sent to Germany from Switzerland.

Hitherto the number of small parcels addressed to private individuals in Germany, sent from Swiss shops and paid for by Swiss, English, American and refugee sympathisers with German relatives or friends, amounted to many thousands of tons a month, particularly tea, coffee and woollen clothes.

Hitler's Choice

"There is not a family in Germany which wants the continuation of this war," declared the announcer of the Free German radio station in its latest broadcast, quoted by Reuter.

"Hitler must clear the way for peace," the announcer continued. "If Hitler really loved Germany, as he has so often and so solemnly asserted, he would have abdicated long ago."

"Should he and his henchmen not resign in times only one possibility remains—the overthrow of the Hitler regime by the German people rising in revolt against their destroyer."

Radio Warfare Preferred

The Nazis have started operating a powerful broadcasting station in the Siegfried Line, near Saarbrücken.

A broadcast in French, for the benefit of the French troops opposite, chiefly consisted of defamatory remarks, many of them scurrilous, about Britain and the British. The announcer stated, among other things, that the British troops are hanging their washing, not on the Siegfried Line, but in French houses far behind the front.

Nazis' Toy Balloons

The first war news reel to be shown in Berlin contains pictures of German soldiers near the Siegfried Line tying pamphlets to toy balloons, which are to tell the French the "truth about the war."

Another incident depicts the flight of German bombers from Heligoland to Scapa Flow, dropping bombs on "the country of the capitalistic British."

Jews For Poland

The German Government is reported to be working on an extensive plan for the evacuation to Poland of all Jews living in the German Reich.

Sour Grapes

The Berlin paper "B.Z. am Mittag" prints the news that British soldiers are to have Christmas leave under the headline, "The English Think First of Holidays."

Turks Asked To Cancel Treaty

Istanbul, Dec. 9. As the first step towards its contemplated Balkan drive, the Soviet Government is demanding Turkey to denounce the Montreux Agreement, while the Soviet Black Sea Fleet is being strengthened, according to information reaching here.—Domei.

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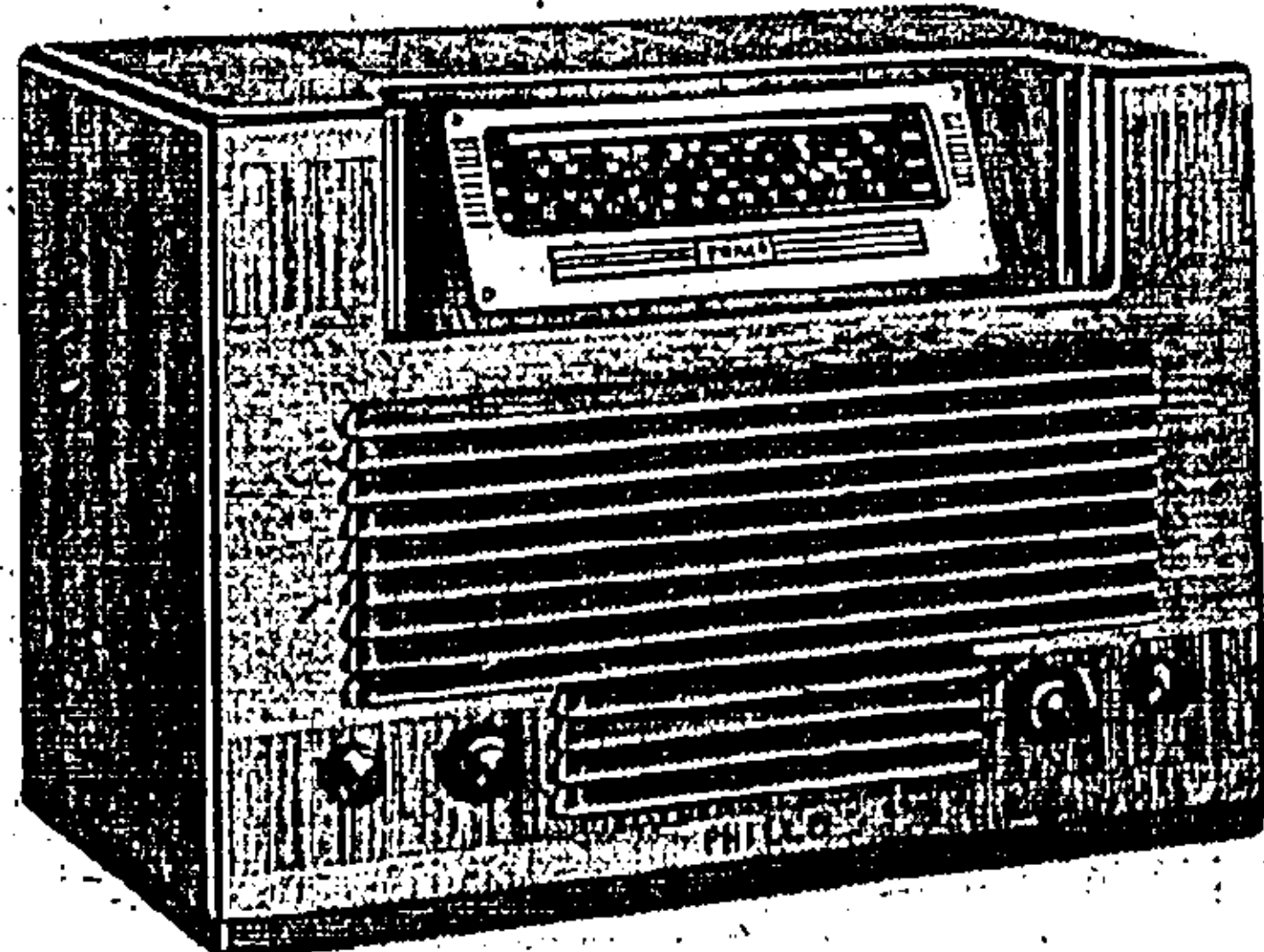
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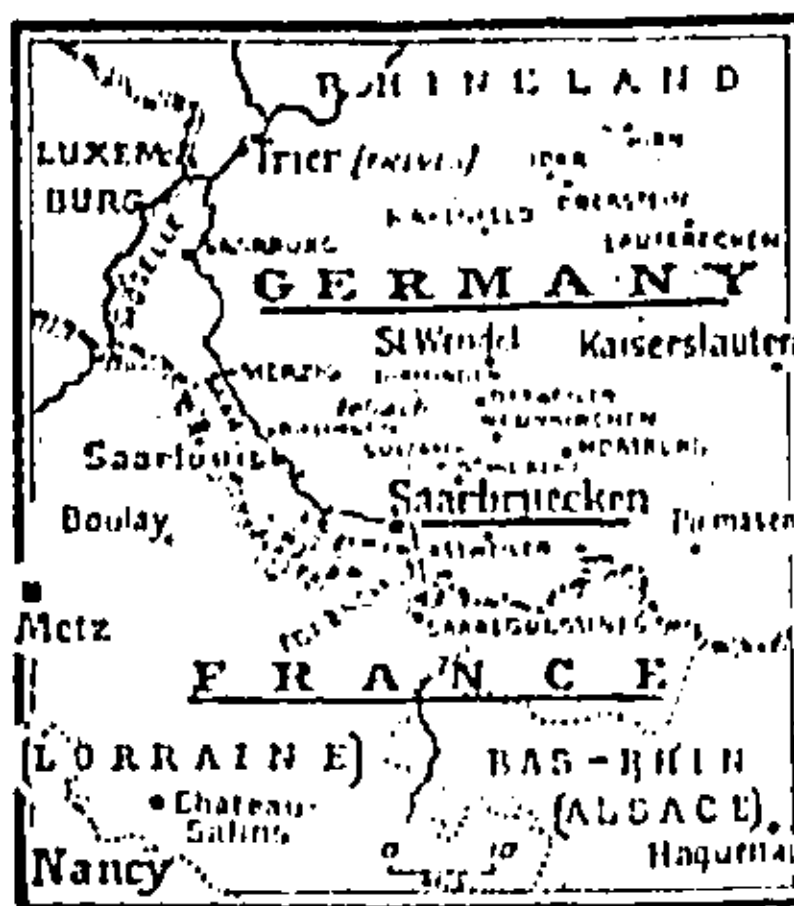
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### No Papal Appeal For Armistice

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They point out that such a request is not urgent in view of the relative calm on the western front, while it would be meaningless at sea because of floating mines.

### From PHILIP JORDAN FRANCE.

HOME leave is now expected even earlier than was at first anticipated. The first batch of men will, it is hoped, be home in time for Christmas.

In the meantime, the Army, kept always on its toes, is too busy to do more than dream of leave in its few leisure moments. The "cavalry" have been out practicing with their anti-tank guns and their machine-guns.

Not far from this place, they mount their tanks and carriers and sweep across the plains, each machine-gun firing at the rate of several hundred rounds every minute.

### Accurate Firing

Despite the novelty of their armour-plated substitutes for horses, and despite also the speed at which those substitutes travel over level ground, the men are firing with remarkable accuracy, as your correspondent has just had occasion to observe.

Both tanks and carrier, running on a rapid zig-zag course not dissimilar to that which they will almost certainly have to adopt in battle, to-day pumped out a broadside that ripped to pieces the ground immediately behind their targets.

Artificial faults had been introduced into the magazines of the machine-guns so that the men might become fully expert at correcting jamming while on the move. Most of them proved superior to these defects in their armament.

### Room Of Maps

Beyond this improvised range there is an innocent looking house. If you can get into this house, they will show you a room whose walls are lined with great maps, upon which are painted cabalistic signs that would mean nothing to an unauthorised intruder.

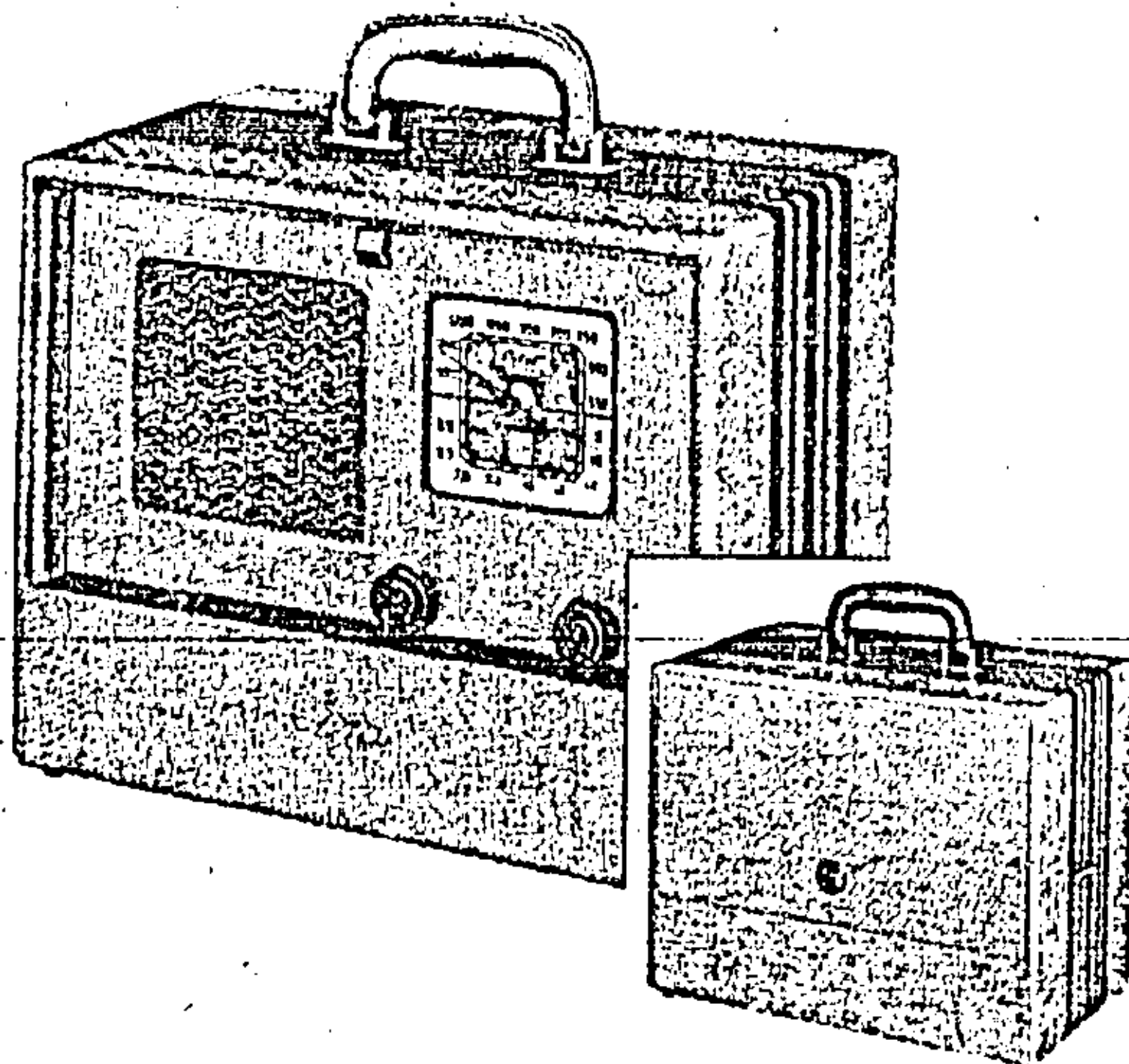
Yet these maps tell the instructed all that we know about the enemy—and a great deal more besides. In this department, as in others, the Army is up-to-date. It uses pictorial statistics (which were invented and perfected by an Austrian) to convey information rapidly to the authorised visitor.

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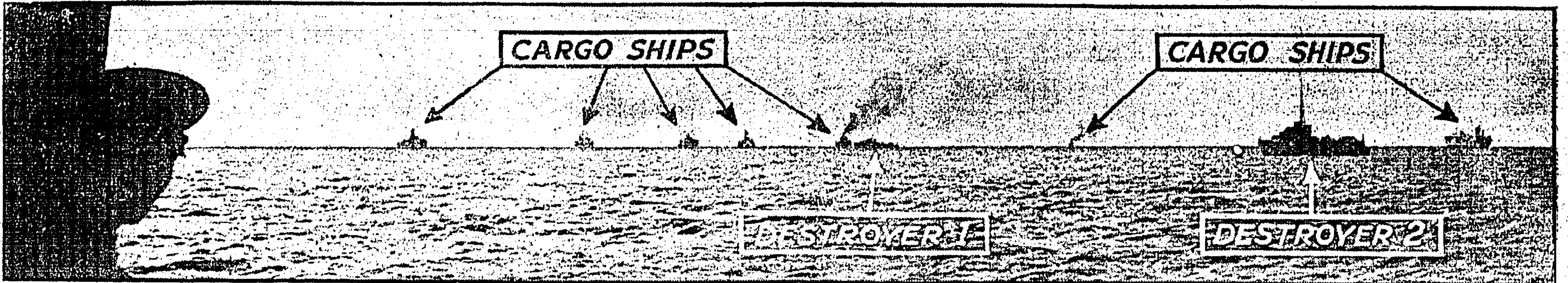
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## THIS SHOWS HOW BRITISH NAVY BRINGS HOME THE BACON



### China's "Scorched Earth" Policy Adopted by Finland

## RED ADVANCE CHECKED BY HEROIC DEFENDERS

MOSCOW, DEC. 10 (REUTERS).—UNINFORMATIVE BUL-

LETINS FROM THE RED ARMY DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS DO NOT INDICATE MUCH PROGRESS IN THE FINNISH CAMPAIGN, WHILE THE GRAPHIC, AND POSSIBLY TOO REVEALING REPORTS OF THE WAR CORRESPONDENTS HAVE LARGELY DISAPPEARED FROM SOVIET NEWSPAPERS.

It is stated that the Finns are laying waste to the country before retreating. They are removing the cattle, destroying all food and setting fire to the villages.

### FINNS HOLDING THEIR OWN

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—The Finns are continuing to hold their own at all points, judging from latest reports.

Intensified Russian attacks are taking place in Soussalmi, the narrowest part of Finland, which is often known as the country's "wasp waist."

This drive is with the view to driving through to the Gulf of Bothnia and splitting the country in two.

The Finns have taken all precautions against a Soviet advance in this sector.

### PETSAMO BATTLE

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—People in the Arctic region of Norway and Finland report hearing explosions from Petsamo and the loud roar of artillery from the area south of that port.

This bears out reports that Petsamo was raided by Soviet planes at 11 a.m. and again two hours later, and also confirms Finnish claims that they are still holding the Arctic seaport which they recaptured a week ago.

### RUSSIANS WELL HELD

The artillery fire is thought to indicate fighting near the nickel mines 30 miles south-west of Petsamo.

This represents a Soviet advance of only ten miles in the past three or four days.

The Russians also claim to have pierced the Mannerheim Line in the Karelian Isthmus.

There is no question that there has been heavy fighting in the area, but the Finns say that the Soviet attacks have been repulsed with heavy loss of tanks, armoured cars and artillery.

### FINNISH AIR ACTIVITY

Finland reports state that three Soviet planes have been brought down and that Finnish planes bombed Soviet troops.

Military law in Finland now applies to civilians. A £5,000,000 loan has been authorized.

### The Finns Enjoy This Joke

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—The Soviets have been claiming that when Soviet troops landed at one of

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THIS IS WHAT YOU WOULD SEE IF YOU WERE TO TRAVEL IN A CONVOY.

The photograph was taken from one of the warships guarding a convoy of merchantmen in the North Sea.

Below is another convoy picture. It shows the anti-aircraft guns of a cruiser manned and ready to repel German bombers.



## Opposition To Red Aggression Spreads Throughout The World

### Russia Alienates World

## SWEDEN PREPARING FOR WORST

### Students Demonstrate In Belgium

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—Reports from different parts of the world indicate a growing reaction to the Soviet aggression against Finland.

In Sweden, the Chief of the General Staff, General Terno, has been appointed Acting C-in-C. of the Swedish forces, a step only taken in a time of peril.

He said: "In the present time, defence of freedom and the right of self-determination of the Fatherland puts everything else in the background."

### Norway Precautions

In Norway, a section of the civilian population, mostly women and children, are moving south from the northern regions.

In Belgium, Students of the Liege University marched through the city carrying banners declaring against the Soviet aggression and Asiatic barbarity.

In the United States, a large American manufacturing concern has turned down a Soviet order worth thousands of pounds for machinery.

Finland Appeal For Aid  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—An appeal to all nations of the world not to let Finland fight alone was issued by the Finnish Parliament which met to-day.

The appeal declares: "The Finnish people are fighting for independence, liberty and honour. We are defending our religion, homes and all that civilised people consider sacred."

"So far we have been fighting alone against an enemy which invades our territory, although in actual fact it is a question of defending everything that humanity holds most precious."

"We have proved our will to do all we can in this fight."

"Our position as an advance post of western civilisation entitles us to expect active assistance from all civilised nations."

### Arms For The Finns

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—The official newspaper, "Pravda," prints a report that Germany and Italy are delivering arms to Finland, but does not comment on this.

The heading to the article, however, casts doubt on the report, which nevertheless, is confirmed in Rome.

Nazis Denial  
LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—An emphatic denial that Germany has ever delivered war materials to Finland was broadcast by the official German wireless.

The announcer declared that these allegations were only intended to disturb German-Russian relations.

### No Sanctions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
GENEVA, Dec. 10 (Demos).—It is believed certain that the League Assembly meeting will adopt a resolution condemning the Soviet military operations in Finland.

The Council meeting, which was held at noon on Saturday discussed the Finnish appeal against the Soviet action and referred the measure to the Assembly meeting on Monday.

It is understood that the present League meetings will be devoted to the Soviet-Finnish issue and in order to avoid complications the sessions

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### Time and Chance Will Beat the German Raiders

## NAVY SEARCH FOR 'NEEDLE IN HAYSTACK' UNDER WAY

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—Presenting the fortnightly review of the war at sea, the B.B.C. naval observer dealt with raiders and mines.

When Germany built her three pocket battleships, she designed them as commerce raiders which could beat off a cruiser and run away from a battleship.

## SECRET WEAPON

Official Circles Hint At Discovery

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Serials on maritime warfare flared around the British Isles in the press yesterday, when London newspapers enlarged on "hints" from high official circles regarding the discovery of a secret weapon.

The Forth River estuary was the scene of another aerial dog-fight, when A.A. batteries and fighting planes drove off eight German planes, apparently attempting to raid the naval base near Edinburgh.

### U-Boat Losses

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—It was learned in London to-day that Germany is not likely to be able to replace submarines more rapidly than the present rate of losing them, namely two to four a week.

The German estimate of present and future U-boat output is not available, but the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" indicates that the 1917 output, estimated at one daily, can be greatly exceeded.

According to the figures available, official circles in London, however, rate that the commissioning of German submarines in 1917 averaged seven a month.

The highest monthly number was 13.

Doubt is expressed whether it is now possible to approach that figure, owing to the shortage of materials, absence of skilled labour and diversion of the workers' production.

### Too Frightful To Use?

There have been rumours for some time that Britain is in possession of a secret weapon, so deadly and frightful that for humanitarian reasons, use has never been made of it.

The London "Daily Sketch" published on Saturday (an exclusively "Telegraph" article) details of a secret weapon which resulted in complete failure on the part of Nazi raiders to reach the British coast on Thursday and Friday.

First hints of the existence of a secret British weapon were made last month by the Director of Scientific Research of the Ministry of Supply. Seventeen leading scientists now devote their whole time to the work of this branch of the Ministry. Altogether there are 800 experts employed.

Immediately Germany commenced using the magnetic mine, the Bureau "not in work and has already, according to a message last week, devised adequate counter-measures."

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Oberamteigau Passion Play Committee has announced the postponement of the 1940 Play until the end of the war.

They can steam 20,000 miles, without refuelling—almost right round the world.

Discussing the difficulties of finding these ships, he asked listeners how many ships they actually saw on, say a trip from Britain to New Zealand? Very few, he suggested.

### Sailing Almost Blind

A ship at sea is almost blind, he went on.

On a clear day, the horizon is only ten miles away, so that a ship could see for little more than 20 miles around.

At night, visibility was only a couple of miles, for raiders travel without lights.

A ship in those circumstances is rather like a man wandering in a thick mist on the York-hire Moors.

A ship has only got to be on the other side of the horizon to be invisible.

Nevertheless, the raider does not have it all its own way. It must eventually feed its crew and refuel. It must get supplies as soon as it captures a ship, and it runs the risk of giving away its position.

Recently several German ships left neutral ports, probably intending to supply the raiders.

That does not matter now. They have been either captured or scuttled.

Sooner Or Later—

Sooner or later, too, the raider's speed and steaming performance suffer, particularly in tropical waters where marine growths are prolific.

The machinery, too, develops defects in time, which eventually will need handling in a dockyard.

Hunting raiders may take time, but sooner or later they will get caught.

Ships of the British and French navies are after them day and night.

More Frightful Than Effective—

Turning to mines, the naval observer said at first the Nazis had a certain amount of success with their magnetic mines.

Yet the blockade is more frightful than effective.

British ports are still open and the mine-sweeping fleet has been strengthened and reorganised to meet the menace.

It will take a little time for counter measures to make the seas safe, but at present at any rate the menace is held in check.

Story Of High Courage—

These mine-sweeping boats are chiefly manned by volunteers and

## BIG SHIPS ON GUARD

Deutschland May Try To Reach Port

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERGEN, Dec. 11 (UP).—Germany's pocket battleship Deutschland, preying on Allied and neutral shipping in the North Atlantic—she sank the former P. & O. liner Rawalpindi—is believed to be running out of fuel.

The British blockade has prevented Deutschland's supply ships from keeping their rendezvous.

Informed circles in northern Norway now report that the British Admiralty has reason to believe that the Deutschland will be forced to put into a Soviet port in the Arctic for fuel oil.

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## LATEST

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## FAR EAST VICTIMS IN YORKSHIRE SINKING

SEVEN women, ten children, including four of one family, and officers and men of the Navy, Army and Air Force were among the passengers lost in the British steamer Yorkshire when she was torpedoed en route to England from the Far East.

The casualty list has just been received in Hongkong. It is said to include the name of at least one Hongkong resident, formerly attached to the local naval dockyards.

Thirty-three persons were lost. Included in the list are three mothers and their two children and four children of a soldier and a married couple—an Army officer and his wife.

Nearly all the Services people

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### OUTWARD MAILS

Monday, Dec. 11	
Saigon	12.30 p.m.
Formosa	2.30 p.m.
Canton	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 12	
Shanghai	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Formosa	10.30 a.m.
Amoy	1 p.m.
Amoy	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Direct Service"—due Sydney, 18th December.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
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Reg.	Dec. 12, 5 p.m.
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Ord.	Dec. 12, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Manila, Makassar and Surabaya.	8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Swatow	10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Formosa	10.30 a.m.
Haliphong	1 p.m.
Amoy	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Direct Service"—due Paris, 21st December.	
K.P.O.	
Reg.	Dec. 13, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 13, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Dec. 13, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Dec. 13, 7 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Thursday, Dec. 14	
Sundakan	8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Formosa	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C. 1st January 1940.	
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### HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

The Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the Helena May Institute on Monday, December 11th at 5.30 p.m.

The Meeting is open to all persons interested in the work of the Society.

ANN CROZIER,  
Hon. General Secretary.

### A Look Through The "Telegraph"

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1889.  
Mr. Stanley has arrived at Zanzibar. (This was the expedition in which Stanley explored the Congo.—Ed.)

We read that Her Majesty, the Empress Dowager, having expressed a desire to have the photographs of distinguished foreigners who have served China, H. E. Li Hung-chang, Commissioner of the Yangtze, and General Gordon, this has been done, and the photographs having been sent by the other morning. One picture represents General Gordon in his English uniform, and the other in Chinese dress.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1914.  
It is stated that the command of the Russian General Dimitrieff, began the bombardment of the suburbs of Grocno on Sunday.

There is no doubt that the lighting of Kowloon will be materially improved when the new lamps due in working order of Nathan Road are in working order.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1929.  
The following is the draw for the first round of the Junior Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club to be played next Sunday.

C. G. Anderson v. H. Munday; T. J. Price v. S. H. Harris; E. O. Murphy v. A. Laughton; A. A. Dwyer v. W. Miller; A. E. Skinner v. E. W. T. Ross; G. Castle v. W. Horwath; J. B. McCaw v. W. Orchard; H. G. Swinburne v. J. S. Smith.

#### 5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1934.  
At least sixty Italian subjects have been killed and four hundred others wounded in a fierce outpost engagement fought between Italian Somaliland troops and settlers and a furious army of Abyssinian tribesmen. According to reports reaching Rome to-day, the attack was directed against the town of Wallulula, tribesmen pouring down upon it from the hills and surrounding any whom they encountered.

(This was the encounter upon which Italy subsequently based her claim for the invasion of Abyssinia. Wallulula (Wol Wul) was 60 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier.—Ed.)

## Empire Unity A Real Fact

### S. African Minister's Declaration

LISBON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—In an interview here, Col. Denys Reitz, the South African Minister for Native Affairs, said that the unity of the British Empire is a real fact.

"I, who have not a drop of British blood in me, declare that the closer we are the better it is for all," he declared.

**What Makes Empire Great**  
They fully realized the necessity of strengthening the ties with Britain and other members of the Commonwealth at a time when imperialist nations were threatening the stability of the world.

Respect for the independence of States made the greatness of the British Empire.

## CLOTHES FOR JEWS BANNED

### Nazis Impose Two New Repressive Decrees

BERLIN, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Two further repressive Nazi decrees have been issued.

The first states that Jews no longer have rationing cards for clothes, which means that they can neither get new clothes nor materials to repair old ones.

They are also forbidden leather for footwear.

The other decree imposes the death penalty for all crimes involving the use of fire-arms or other dangerous weapons.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH issued by the War Office, reproduced herewith, gives some idea of the comradeship and efficiency to be found in the British Expeditionary Force in France, which has now taken up front line positions facing the Siegfried Line. The Ritz, a name for dug-outs which was favoured by British troops in the last war.

## 2 PRINCESSES AS EVACUEES

SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY WILL BE THE ADDRESS OF PRINCESS ELIZABETH AND PRINCESS MARGARET UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR.

The King and Queen are setting an example to other parents by sacrificing their natural wishes for their children's company and preferring that the Princesses should remain where they can continue their education as quietly and safely as possible.

When the Queen visited the Princesses in Scotland last month she gave them their first news of the struggle in which Britain is engaged.

### KING'S WISH

It was the King's particular wish that their mother should explain matters to them.

Before the Queen returned to London she expressed upon 13-year-old Princess Elizabeth that she was now the temporary "head of the household" just as while the Court was absent in Canada last May.

So Princess Elizabeth is accordingly looking after her younger sister and telling her mother all about their daily doings when the Queen makes her morning telephone call.

### OUTDOOR LESSONS

Both Princesses write regular letters to the King and Queen, to Queen Mary, and to other members of the Royal Family. With their governess, Miss Crawford, they spend a good deal of time out of doors and are learning different kinds of craftwork on the Queen's instructions.

They are also knitting simple scarves and operation stockings that will be handed over to the Red Cross.

## Gretchen Wants A New Frock

### She Must Go On Wanting

### AMSTERDAM.

MEN cannot buy new coats, women cannot buy new dresses, in Germany now, reports the Berlin correspondent of the Handelsblad.

Here is the latest list of things it is useless to ask for, according to the Handelsblad:

You cannot buy sweets. Factories are working full time, but for export only.

You cannot buy cars. Even if you could—

You cannot buy wedding rings or anything else made of platinum.

You cannot exchange old jewellery for new jewellery. It is forbidden.

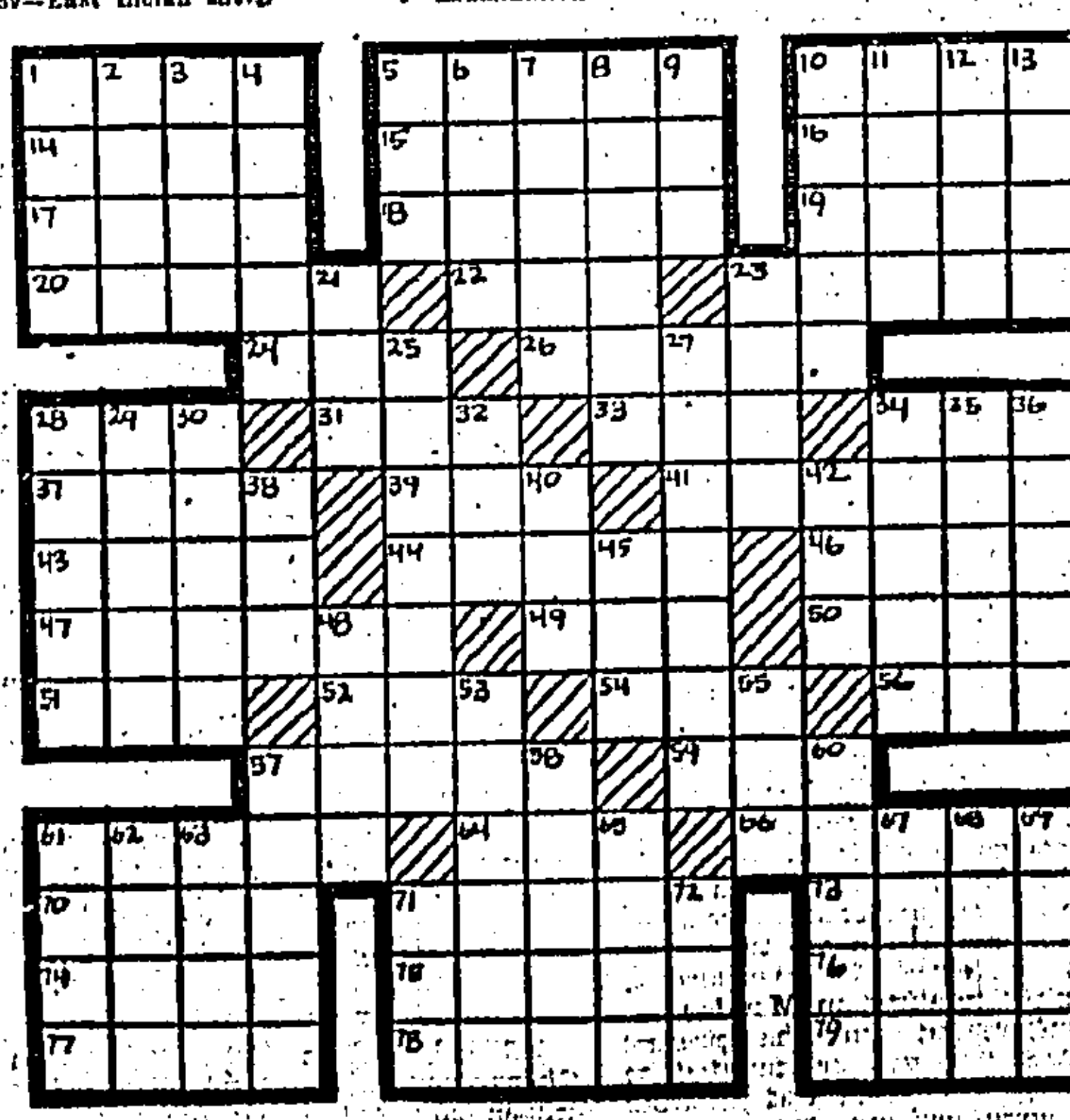
This last ban has given rise to reports that the Nazi Government may force everybody to hand over their jewellery to the State, as the Jews were forced to do.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS	1-Periodic ebb and flow	2-Mental image
3-Artificial division	4-Profound	5-Continued
6-Condition of heavy	7-Whirlwind (Cornwall)	8-On the ocean
9-Member of British	10-Doctrines	11-Printer's measure
12-Preceding	13-Doctrines	14-Printer's measure
15-Expression of hearty	16-Printer's measure	17-Preceding
18-Source of plant life	19-Printer's measure	20-Preceding
21-Form of plant life	22-Printer's measure	23-Preceding
24-Narrow strips of	25-Printer's measure	26-Preceding
27-Strong crew	28-Printer's measure	29-Preceding
30-Used for ventilation	31-Printer's measure	32-Preceding
33-Volcanic substance	34-Printer's measure	35-Preceding
36-Town in Belgium	37-Printer's measure	38-Preceding
39-Highest card	40-Printer's measure	41-Preceding
42-Def of week (abbr.)	43-Printer's measure	44-Preceding
45-Drinking counter	46-Printer's measure	47-Preceding
48-Part of circumference	49-Printer's measure	50-Preceding
51-Collective state of	52-Printer's measure	53-Preceding
54-Musical composition	55-Printer's measure	56-Preceding
57-Kingdom	58-Printer's measure	59-Preceding
60-Monumental figure	61-Printer's measure	62-Preceding
63-Referring to mind	64-Printer's measure	65-Preceding
66-With maiden name	67-Printer's measure	68-Preceding
69-Denatured	70-Printer's measure	71-Preceding
72-East African town	73-Printer's measure	74-Preceding
75-Remittance (col.)	76-Printer's measure	77-Preceding
78-Metric measure	79-Printer's measure	80-Preceding
81-Naval	82-Printer's measure	83-Preceding
84-Quoted	85-Printer's measure	86-Preceding
87-East Indian sheep	88-Printer's measure	89-Preceding
90-Examination	91-Printer's measure	92-Preceding



## ACCUSED "MR. X" AS SPY

Alleged to have written a letter to the Chief-Constable of Birmingham purporting to expose several persons as German spies, 27-years-old Wilfred Ronald Ward, of Heathfield Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, appeared at Birmingham City Police Court to-day. He was charged with demanding by letter £500 from a man as "Mr. X," threatening to expose him as a German spy unless the money was paid.

Mr. M. P. Pugh, who prosecuted, said that on September 5 "Mr. X" received a letter signed "Jim Rickard," which threatened that he would be exposed as an enemy spy unless he parted with the sum of £500.

"Mr. X" communicated with the police, who listened in to a telephone conversation. Ward mentioned £500 and also threatened "Mr. X" that he would expose him to the Chief-Constable as a German spy.

"Mr. X" rather lost his temper and Ward closed the conversation. The threat was carried out, for the Chief-Constable received an anonymous letter on September 8 saying that "Mr. X" was a German spy. In the same letter others were also alleged to be spies.

### "TREASURE"

Ward, Mr. Pugh continued, admitted writing the letter, and also admitted he had written the letter signed "Jim Rickard," adding, "I wanted to frighten him off 'Treasure'." "Treasure," explained Mr. Pugh, was a woman with whom "Mr. X" had been friendly. He said that he and "Mr. X" had been going out with the woman at the same time, and he wanted to get the truth of certain statements he had heard. "I should have had the £500," he said, "and handed it to the police, together with his signature as to what it was for."

Mr. Pugh said that when told he would be arrested Ward exclaimed, "Blimey, I've done it in the interests of the country. Every word I believe to be true. I've made notes of the various things she told me, and I have got them in my bedroom." Mr. Pugh said the police were satisfied there was no vestige of truth in allegations against "Mr. X." He was not a German spy, nor had he done anything against the interests of the country.

Detective-Inspector Cullis, who gave evidence, said that there was a likelihood of "certain other developments." He applied for a remand until next Friday and this was granted, with bail of £50 and one surety of £50. Ward also gave an undertaking not to hamper police inquiries.

## American G-Men Look For New Public Enemy

MEMPHIS, Tenn., (UP).—The nation's most-wanted criminal, Charles Chapman, a depression-made crook who once was a wealthy and prominent business man, continues to evade federal and state police agencies.

Chapman is listed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the nation's No. 1 Public Enemy. Federal agents have sought him for months. He is known to every sheriff, deputy and constable in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

Scores of crimes, officers believe, would be solved with his capture. Chapman's career in crime has been in the states where such outlaws as Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, "Machine-Gun" Kelly, Bonnie Parker and a host of other notorious figures have periodically had their day and then died from the fire of officers' guns.

### REARED IN GOOD HOME

But unlike these other outlaws, Chapman did not grow up in poverty or in the slum section of a city. He was born and grew to manhood at Philadelphia, Miss., where his parents still live and are respected citizens.

He received a good education and apparently had a bright future as a business man in the highway contracting firm which he founded at El Dorado, Ark.

His firm prospered and in 1929 he was a wealthy and prominent citizen of that city. But failure and crime were just ahead. He made an unsuccessful effort to extend his business to Florida, where lack of experience in building through swamps and marshes, combined with the market crash and the depression, left him penniless.

At Miami in 1931 he was arrested for the first time. He was charged with carrying concealed weapons and assault with intent to kidnap, but the case eventually was nolle prosequi.

### ROBBERY CHARGES

His next encounter with the law was at Ventnor City, N. J., in the same year. Brought to trial on a charge of highway robbery, he was acquitted.

In 1932 he was arrested in Muskogee, Okla., and charged with robbing a bank at Minden, La. He was returned to Minden, convicted and sentenced to from 9 to 14 years in the Louisiana state prison. A few weeks later he escaped.

Early in the next year he robbed the First National Bank at Hope, Ark., of \$24,000, the Citizens Bank and Trust company of Camden, Ark., of \$25,000, and got a smaller haul from a Snackover, Ark., bank.

On March 11, 1934, Chapman was wounded and captured in a gun battle at Van Buren, Ark. Released on \$5,000 bond, he immediately disappeared.

### SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS

Several months later he was captured at Gulfport, Miss. Returned to Arkansas to face trial on bank robbery charges at Camden and El Dorado, he received a total of 35 years in Arkansas prison. Within a year he had escaped.

The fugitive then teamed with Buddy Sadler and Hugh Lindsey to hold up the First National Bank of Atlanta, Tex. Blocked by police at the door of the bank, Chapman was shot and \$1,000 of the \$11,525 loot was found in his possession.

Lindsey was caught on the outskirts of town and Sadler, driver of the stolen car used in the hold-up, was caught a few days later in Louisiana.

### LEADS PRISON BREAK

But on July 8, 1937, Chapman again was free, having led a break from the Eastham, Tex., prison farm. Eight other convicts accompanied him.

Chapman is still at large. Early this year he was reported at a tourist camp near Philadelphia, Miss., and officers believed he had planned to visit his parents. But when they closed in, he shot his way clear and escaped the trap.

The fugitive's parents cannot be reached. They are the nation's No. 1 Public Enemy.

"Charlie was always a good boy," they said. "He would never harm anyone."

## Belgian Ship Breaks Up

### Goes Aground Off South-East Coast

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).

The Belgian steamer, Kabinda, 5,000 tons, bound from Pernambuco to Antwerp, went aground on the south-east coast on December 8.

The steamer has now broken her back and has become a complete wreck.

### No Casualties

The crew, numbering 40, with 50 other persons were engaged in dumping cargo into the sea at 1 p.m. to-day when the ship broke into halves. All were saved and no one was injured.

### Dutch Ship Mined

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10 (Reuter). The Dutch motor-ship, Immingham, 395 tons, struck a mine off Callantsoog north of Holland.

The crew of seven were rescued.

### GANDHI OPPOSED

### Moslem League Leader

Condemns Proposal

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10 (Reuter). In an interview with "Reuter," Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Moslem League, condemned Gandhi's proposal for a Constitutional Assembly.

Mr. Jinnah reiterates his willingness to give every assistance towards obtaining an honourable solution of the Hindu-Moslem question, but the proposed Assembly would, at best, be manoeuvred and managed by the "Hindu caucus."

### KWEILIN, Dec. 11 (Central).

Six Japanese aircraft staged another raid over Chuanchow, in north Kwangsi near the Hunan border, yesterday. Many bombs were released.

Convicted on this charge, Chapman was taken to the Texas state prison at Huntsville to begin a 60-year sentence. A short time later another 25 years was added to his sentence by a Clarkville, Tex., jury on charges of robbing the bank there of \$1,026 and kidnapping the cashier.

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### Fedor Chaliapine in A Russian Programme

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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) and the Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Rossini, La Boutique Fantastique, London Philharmonic Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 "For the Children."

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Feodor Chaliapine (Bass) in a Russian Programme, The Old Corporal, The Flight of The Bumble Bee, Khovantchina, Interlude Act 4.

(Mousorgsky—Rimsky-Korsakov).

E.I.A.R. Symphony Orchestra, Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34 (Rimsky-Korsakov).

The Lamoureux Orchestra, Paris; Chanson Indoue ("Sadko")—Rimsky-Korsakov; Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano); The Gold Cockerel, Wedding March (Rimsky-Korsakov); Lamoureux Orchestra, Paris; Ronde of Paris ("Russian and Ludmilla")—Glinka; Aria of the Miller ("Rous-salka"—Dargomizhsky); Serenade (Mousorgsky); Reginald Foort, at the Organ.

7.15 Stibelius—Symphonic Poem "Night-Ride and Sunrise," Op. 85. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time, Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Talk on "Magnetic Mines."

8.25 Variety with Gracie Fields, The Gay Nineties Singers, Max Miller and The Rokeya Mountaineers.

8.35 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

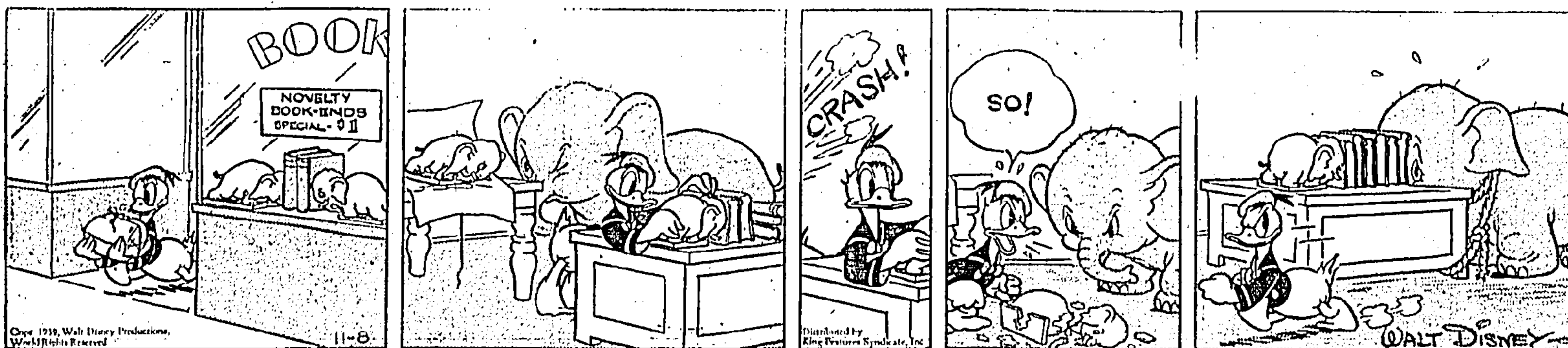
9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Patricia Roseborough and Robinson Cleaver (Piano and Organ). The Holly of St. Mary's, By The Waters of Minnetonka, Bird Songs at Everside, Parlez-Moi D'Amour, Trece.

9.45 Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph in Musical Comedy.



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EDMONTON.—Polish men living in central and northern Alberta are awaiting word from representatives of the Polish government in Paris concerning the formation of a new Polish army. Many men in this province stand ready, they declare, to enlist in this force to fight Germany.

### He Punished Himself

CLEVELAND.—Robert Sumac, of Barberton, O., had seen only half the Notre Dame-Navy game when police, who said he was intoxicated, led him out of the Cleveland stadium. Said the judge: "I believe you were punished enough by not seeing the last half of the game. Costs are suspended."

## Thousands of Miles To Find Asylum FROM JAIL TO JAIL: FATE OF SPANIARDS

### "GO GET ME THE MOON," NAZI SCIENTIST TOLD

HITLER wants the moon.  
A scientist who declared he had the secret of a "rocket apparatus" which would fly the 230,000 miles there was given accommodation at Berchtesgaden and told to get on with the job.  
German scientists assert that in about five years it will be possible to fly 120 miles from the earth.  
But they cannot say how anyone could return.

### Broadcasts From Enemy Stations

Questions "not for oral answer" in recent Parliamentary papers include the following by Captain Plugge (U. Rochester Chatham):—  
"To ask the Home Secretary if he will take steps to make it known to Englishmen and Englishwomen who, being still British subjects in enemy countries, agree to be employed as announcers of anti-British propaganda in English from enemy broadcasting stations, that they thereby render themselves liable to prosecution in Britain for treason."

### Texans Are Nobles!

AUSTIN, Tex. — A record showing that 400 Texans are descendants of the New World's Spanish nobility has been uncovered by a research librarian at the University of Texas.

A certified copy of a decree issued by King Philip V of Spain in 1730, signed by the Spanish viceroy in Mexico City, designated the 16 original families of San Antonio and their descendants "forever to be landed noblemen of the kingdom of Castille." The San Antonio group, named "Los Islenos," were 16 families that came to San Antonio, then in Mexico, by way of the Canary Islands.

Miss Esther Perez Carajal of San Antonio, president of "Los Islenos," said that about 400 known descendants of the original families are living. The Perez family, however, is reported the only one whose name remains distinct to-day.

The "first families" of San Antonio organized in 1831 and meet in the governor's palace at that city each March 9, date of the arrival of their forefathers.

TWO young Spaniards, Jesus Castanet and Louis Cicero, who have travelled thousands of miles seeking a safe asylum, are now in Cardiff jail.

While fighting in the Spanish Republican Army they were captured and taken to a concentration camp at Miranda del Ebro, near Bilbao.

They escaped on a ship bound for Barry, Glamorgan, but were arrested on landing and interned.

#### Brought Back

Efforts were made to send them to Mexico. A ship was found which, the immigration officer was informed, was proceeding to a Mexican port.

But the ship's orders were changed, en route, and she was diverted to Florida.

The Spaniards were not allowed to land there.

They were taken on in the ship to Newfoundland, and returned eventually to Scotland.

At Rosyth they jumped ship. In trying to get in touch with a local Spanish refugees committee, they were arrested and again jailed.

They were transferred from one prison to another until they arrived in Cardiff.

#### Now At Hotel

Their plight has come to the notice of the South Wales Miners' Federation, whose president, Mr. Arthur Horner, has asked Sir Charles Edwards, the Labour Whip, to apply to the Home Office for a permit for their release.

"The Federation has undertaken to see to their maintenance at a Penarth hotel," Mr. Meth Jones, of the Federation office, said recently.

"We—and the prisoners—are convinced that to return to Spain would mean instant death."

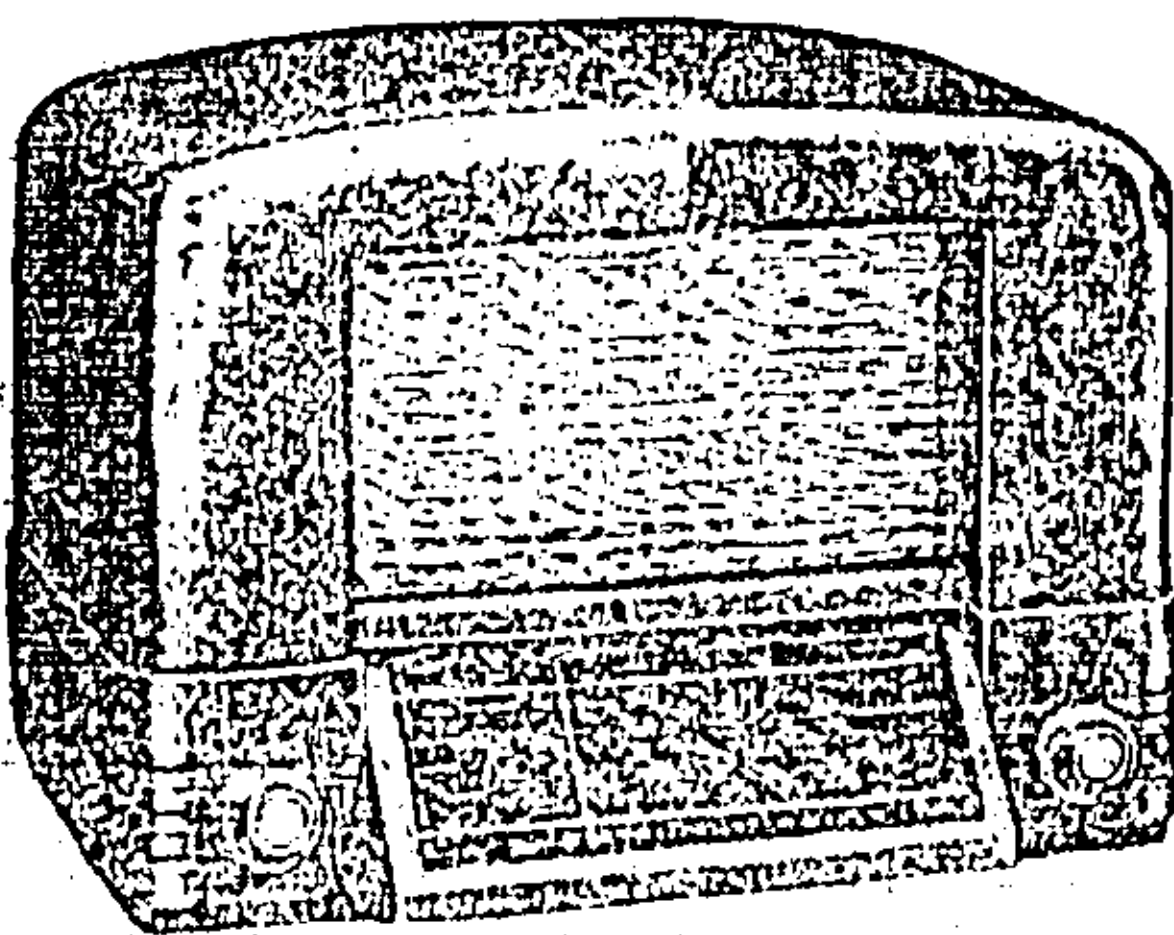
#### SPEAKER TO Y'S MEN

Mr. D. Y. Lin, former Forestry Commissioner for Kwangtung, will speak on "Recent Experiences in the North West" to the Y's Men's Club at their tiffin at the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday.

The copy of the 200-year-old decree of nobility was found among the 200,000 pages of manuscripts and printed matter in the University of Texas Latin-American collection, much of which is untranslated. The original document has never been found, librarians said. The copy in the Texas collection was made in 1806 at San Antonio, to be kept on file at that town's archives.

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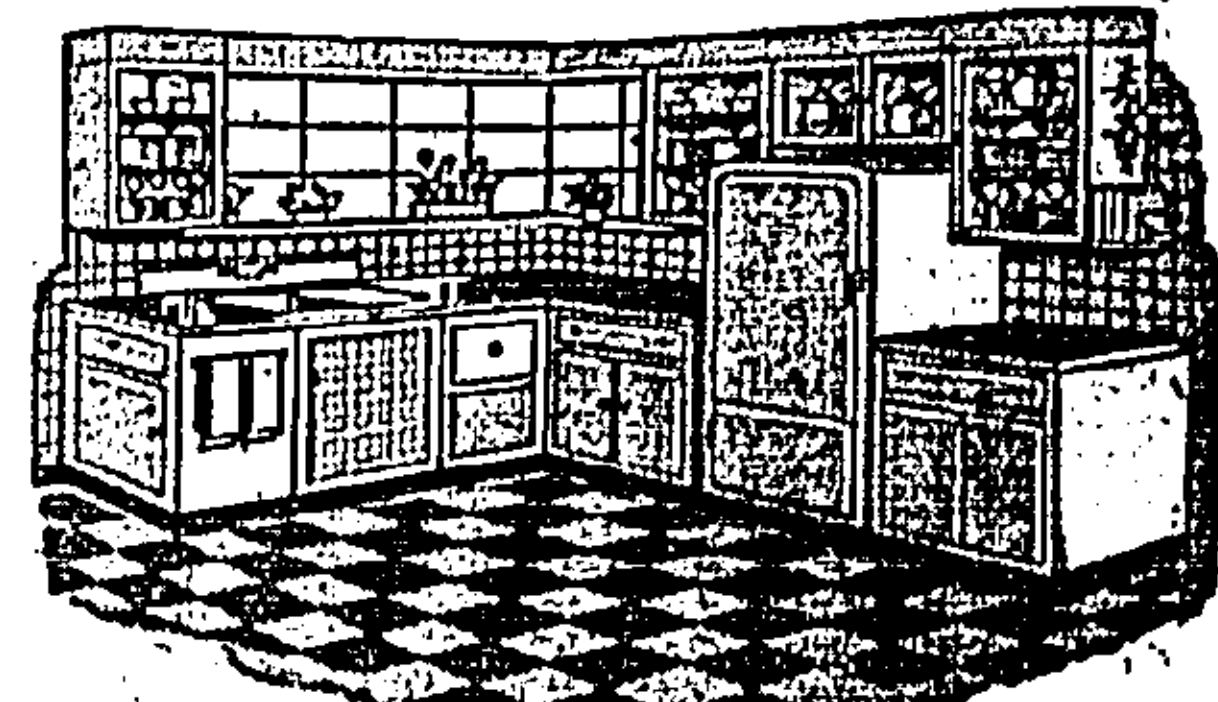
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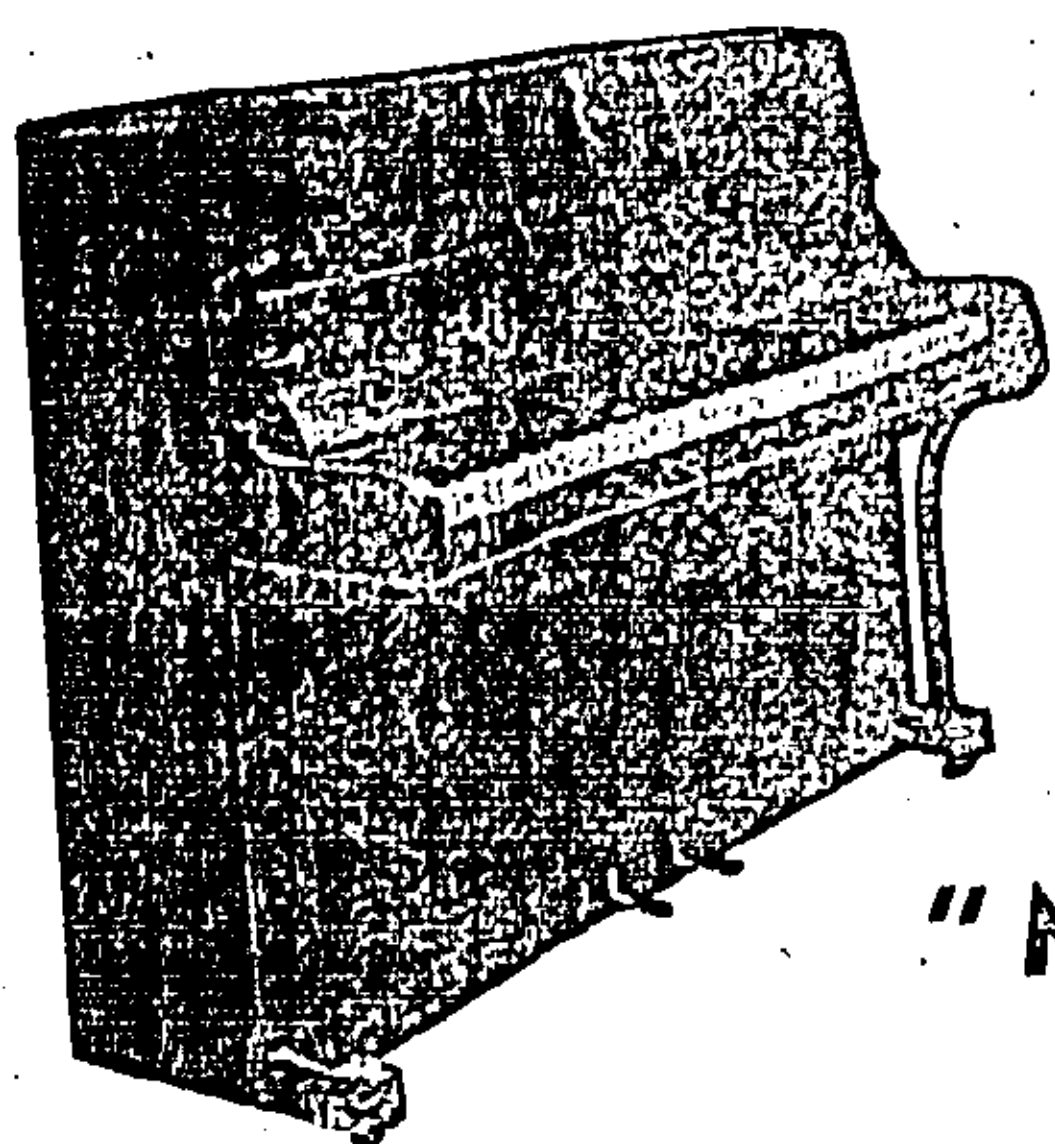
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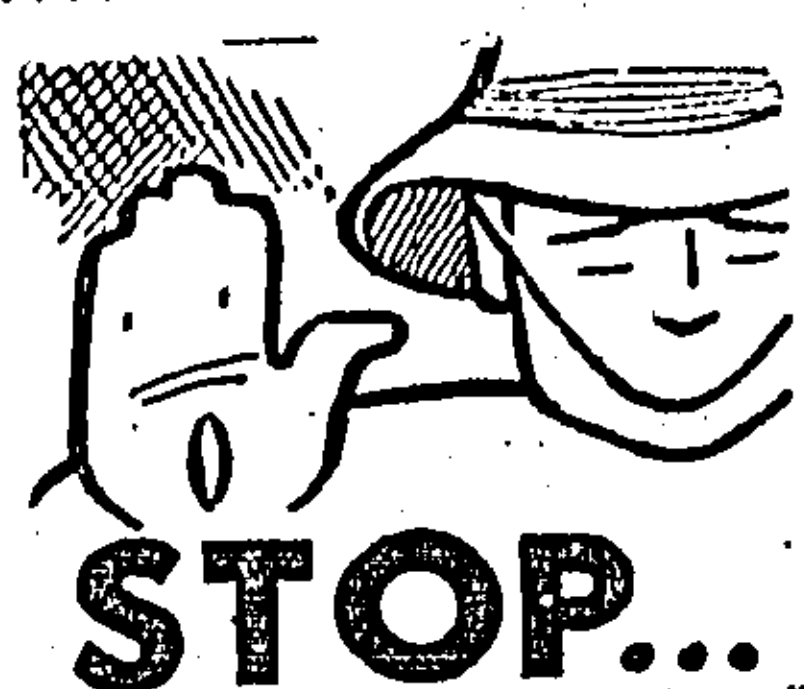
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#### The Neutral Front

To the numerous unusual aspects  
of the war in Europe add the fact  
that it is being fought by neutrals as  
well as by belligerents. Both Russia  
and Italy call themselves neutrals.  
But in the Balkans their interests  
are crystallising into a sharp Russo-  
Italian rivalry.

Each of these States is trying to  
organise a Balkan bloc in which it  
would be the supreme influence.  
The Anglo-French-Turkish pact was  
a temporary setback for Russian in-  
fluence in that this treaty kept the  
door wide for the influence of the  
Western Powers—doors that Stalin  
had tried to close. The pact renewed  
Italian hopes of re-establishing  
Italy's place in the Balkans which  
had been in a large measure lost to  
Germany in the good old Rome-  
Berlin Axis days and was further  
threatened by the re-entry of Russia  
into the international field.

With the signing of the Russo-  
German non-aggression pact, Russia  
showed at once that its new position  
would be used to extend Russian  
influence west and east. Now from  
most of the capitals of Southeastern  
Europe come indications of energetic  
Italian counter-moves to organise a  
Balkan bloc which will face toward  
Rome. Some of the same problems  
which faced Russia and which Russia  
mistakenly attempted to force to  
solution when the Turkish Foreign  
Minister was in Moscow now face  
Italy. One of these is the reconcilla-  
tion of the territorial disputes be-  
tween Rumania and Hungary, and  
Bulgaria.

Whether Italy can better handle  
such problems, and whether Turkey,  
usually suspicious of Italian designs,  
will help, are questions whose  
answers depend on the ability of the  
lesser Powers in Europe to appraise  
the common danger which threatens  
them all.

One of the basic political issues in  
the war of 1939 is whether the  
Balkans are to become German  
colonies or a bloc of independent and  
economically stable states.  
"Mein Kampf" makes plain  
enough Herr Hitler's dream of turn-  
ing German energy from overseas  
colonisation—possible only if Ger-  
many controlled the sea or had the  
friendship of those who did—into the  
taking of new lands adjoining Ger-  
many on the East. What has hap-  
pened in Czechoslovakia and Poland  
shows the dream in process of ful-  
filment. And no one who has stud-  
ied the development of National  
Socialism expects the process to stop  
at this stage unless halted by  
external force.

The divisions among the Balkan  
states are, so well known that they

## With a North Sea Convoy

WITH a cargo of em-  
pty barrels, health  
salts, tea, and an  
odd half-dozen of other com-  
modities which come under  
the heading of "general," I  
have travelled in convoy  
through the coastal danger  
areas of the North Sea.

by  
**J. E.  
SWELL**  
in the London  
"Daily Telegraph"

I have been shaken from sleep  
by the grating roar of exploding  
depth-charges a mile away, and  
watched from the bridge for  
"unknown aircraft believed to  
be hostile" when our escort  
warned us that they might be  
approaching. The captain of  
the vessel in which I was travel-  
ling described the trip as the  
quietest he had known since the  
beginning of the war.

To live for days with a convoy  
is to achieve a new understand-  
ing of the mechanism which  
ensures, during war-time, that  
the ordinary life of Great Brit-  
ain shall continue with the  
minimum disturbance. It is not  
just a matter of essential food-  
supplies—the "beef, pork and  
mutton, eggs, apples and cheese"  
that Kipling wrote about. Mas-  
field's "dirty British coaster"  
with her firewood, ironware and  
cheap tin trays must be pro-  
tected as well.

#### VIGILANCE OF AIR AND NAVAL ESCORTS

Perhaps "mechanism" is the wrong  
word. It sounds impersonal and  
inevitable and, on board, one has a  
vivid sense of dependence on the  
eyes and ears of certain human  
beings.

In talk with the officers one  
realises that they in turn depend  
on the smooth working of a complex  
ad hoc shore organisation, as well as on  
the ceaseless vigilance of the naval  
and air escorts. Each convoy that  
arrives in port is a separate triumph  
of co-operative human effort. On  
the consistent recurrence of these  
triumphs hangs our very existence.

So much emphasis on the dramatic  
importance of the convoy's journey is  
misleading. A happy convoy has no  
drama, and ours was a business trip.  
In truth, it was a drab-looking fleet  
which we joined at the port of as-  
sembly somewhere in the south of  
England. On our way we had passed  
half a dozen smart neutrals, publicis-  
ing their immunity in huge letters  
and painted emblems. Our own paint  
and red ensign looked dingy beside  
their gaudy superiority, and we knew  
that once we were in convoy we  
should be shunned by them.

The convoy's plans had already  
been discussed at the conference of  
masters ashore. Each ship knew her  
number and position, but the final  
instructions were given at the last  
moment by a fussy little Admiralty  
tug. At the secret sailing-time we  
slipped away to the open sea—a  
company of over a score of vessels.  
Unobtrusively our escort joined us,  
and the voyage had begun.

#### WHEN "THE FELLOW IN FRONT" WANDERS

One of the first qualities required  
of those who sail in convoys is  
patience. The convoy's speed,  
naturally, is restricted to that of its  
slowest member. For days on end  
the faster ships must endure the sort  
of thing which happens to fast  
sports-cars when they get caught up  
in Bank Holiday queues. There are  
no alternative routes and no oppor-  
tunities for "cutting in."

"Keeping station," I have been told,  
is often a most difficult problem for  
these sturdy individualist skippers,  
many of whom, until a few weeks  
ago, had had no experience of  
convoys.

Again, as on our arterial roads, it  
is always the fellow in front who is  
wrong. I shall remember with re-

have given rise to a word—  
"Balkanisation." They have been  
fostered by great powers as Franco  
fostered divisions among the small  
German states. Diverse and aspiring  
nationalisms preclude any early  
amalgamation. But Balkan destiny  
is in unity; the progress of railways,  
motor cars, airplanes and radio may  
speed that development.

The Balkans offer a potential  
counter-weight to German domina-  
tion of the Continent. Can Britain  
and France promote among them an  
economic and cultural union which  
would make them effective in that  
role? The answer to that question  
should be one of the decisive factors  
in the present war and its aftermath.

peetful awe a quiet but passionate  
speech delivered to the night sky by  
our first officer when our predecessor  
slipped out of his place without sig-  
nalling, and either went aground on  
a shoal or anchored, for some reason  
best known to himself.

Trivial as such an incident may  
seem to the landsman, the safety of  
the whole convoy had been jeopar-  
dised.

It is at night that the full strain  
of convoy work is most apparent.  
Voices on the bridge drop to a  
whisper. A masked stern light only  
is permissible, and when visibility is  
poor the task of keeping formation  
is almost insuperable—or would  
seem to be. Actually, when daylight  
broke, it was usually not long before  
the fleet had taken up its correct  
formation again. The mistakes in  
the darkness had been few and small.

#### DEPTH-CHARGES—AT LEAST A MILE AWAY

I sampled the middle watch on the  
bridge and found the eye-strain, even  
without the sense of responsibility,  
considerable. I had gone comfort-  
ably to sleep that early morning,  
when we received our first overt  
warning of the danger from which  
we were being protected. Three  
grinding thuds, felt rather than  
heard, awoke the passengers and  
brought them tumbling up on deck  
in various stages of undress. My  
own impression was that the ship had  
been in collision with a floating object  
which she gave suggested impacts  
with some heavy object.

We stood on deck, straining our  
eyes into the darkness, hopelessly  
trying to read its mystery. The cap-  
tain's automatic dished our more  
dramatic speculations. The depth-  
charges, he said, had exploded at  
least a mile away. But it was cer-  
tain that our escorting vessels had  
"got wind of something" and were  
dealing with it in their fashion. What  
that something was, but 40 minutes later,  
never knew. We were wondering whether it  
was worth while going back to bed,  
there was yet another distant ex-  
plosion. Evidently the escorting  
warships were still unsatisfied. My  
mores were heard but I, for one, shall  
believe that a light-bulb searching for  
our convoy that night received some  
telling discouragement.

Normally the escort held its est-  
stations about us, creeping along at  
our miserably few knots with the  
courteous tolerance of a schoolboy  
conducting his elderly aunt across  
the road. Several times, however, I  
saw them show their speed. They  
would suddenly dash away on an  
errand of their own, sometimes  
steaming through the convoy.

#### CAREFULLY STEAMING ACROSS A MINEFIELD

Perhaps a straggler needed round-  
ing-up, or some indication had been  
received by the detectors which  
warranted further investigation. We  
never heard the results of these  
manoeuvres. News of any kind  
nowadays, at sea, is hard to come  
by. No merchant ship may transmit  
messages except when it is gravely  
in need, and our smoke-room re-  
ceiving set was disconnected for the  
duration of the first day of war.

There was little communication  
between escort and convoy. What  
there was depended on flags and  
flashes, during daylight only. Our  
wireless cabin received one reminder  
of the U-boat menace—an SOS from  
a ship in the Bay of Biscay, being  
chased and shelled by a submarine.  
That drama, too, remained unfinished.

Day followed day of patient pro-  
gress. At intervals our escort would  
be supplemented by an aeroplane  
from the shore, skimming at low al-  
titude over the convoy, and then  
flying higher above us.

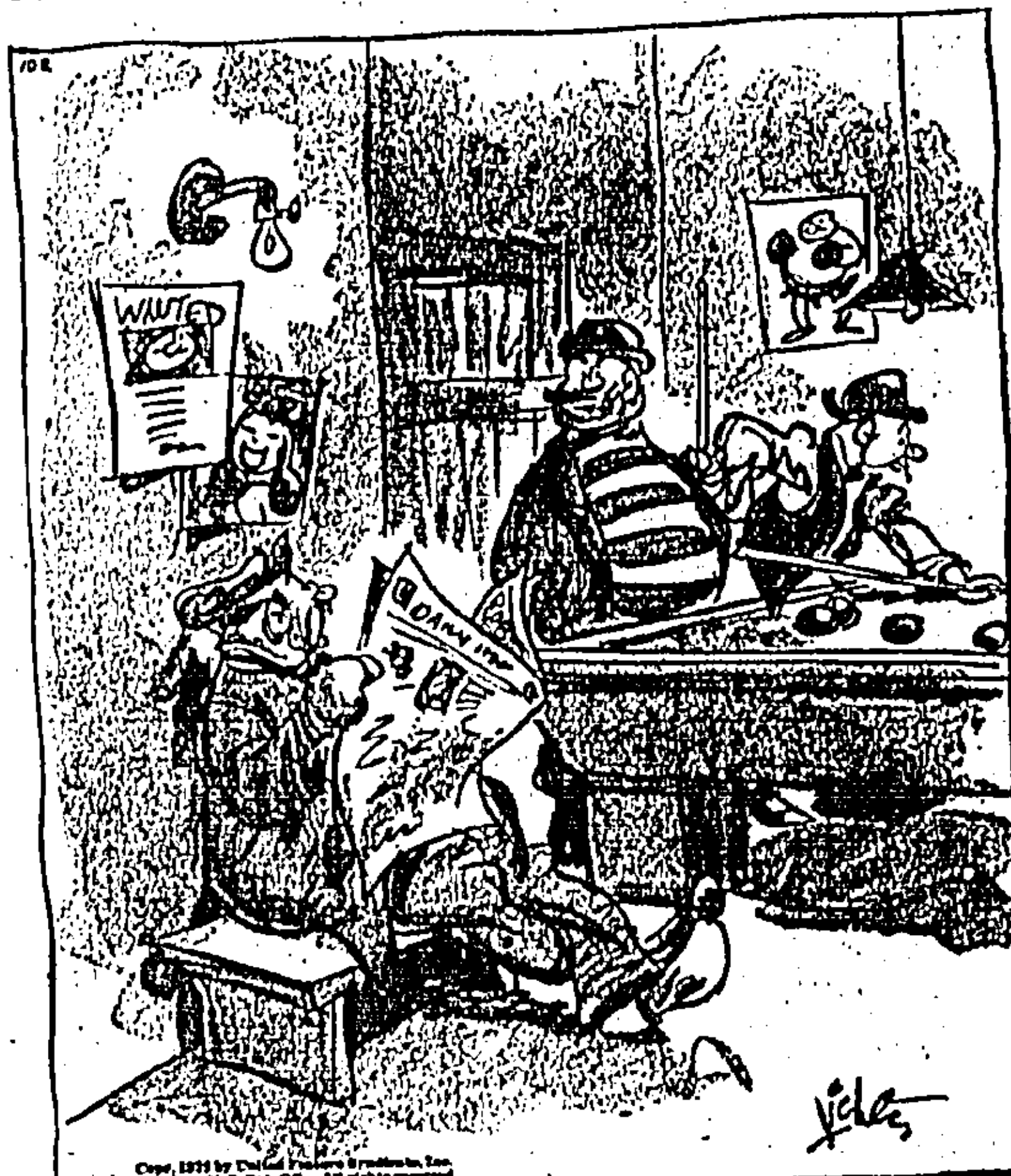
We passed through the carefully  
swept channels of a minefield, and  
watched for drifting mines with the  
naval-rating on board, in charge of  
our Lewis gun.

One morning we glimpsed a  
majestic procession of warships  
stealing along the horizon and out-  
saw the white superstructure and  
funnel of the 11,000-ton Danish  
steamer Canada, lying in shallow  
water after an explosion had wrecked  
her.

#### SKIES EMPTY OF ENEMY PLANES

As we steamed northward, into an  
area so far particularly favoured

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I see Slug Pastromi's gone south early this year—it says here  
he's opened the old Plushbilt mansion at Palm Beach."

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I prefer  
gas...

by  
**J. B. S. Haldane,**  
F.R.S.

**H**ITLER has promised  
not to use gas, as he  
promised not to bomb  
civilians, and will pre-  
sumably break the promise  
about gas when he wants to, as  
he has broken the other.

I must say that if he drops  
anything in my neighbourhood I  
hope it will be gas. The actual  
casualties caused by gas dropped  
on a British town would be much  
less than by the same weight of  
explosives; but he may hope to  
cause a panic.

I certainly shall not give way to  
panic. On the contrary, I shall be de-  
lighted if I hear the Warden using  
their rattles.

People are frightened of gas for  
several reasons. Mainly because they  
don't understand it, and it is more  
dreadful than explosives. Partly  
because it causes frightful casualties  
among unprotected people in the open,  
such as the Canadian troops in France  
in March, 1918, and the Abyssinians  
in 1935.

**B**UT we know what to  
expect, and we have the  
double protection of  
buildings and shelters on the one  
hand and masks on the other.  
Panic-mongers have spread fantastic  
stories about gas. We are told that a  
ton of gas could kill a hundred thou-  
sand people. So it could if they were  
crowded together without respirators  
in a closed space.  
In the same way, for all I know, a  
ton of bullets could kill a hundred  
thousand men if each one was shot

with visits from German reconnais-  
sance aircraft, our eyes turned shad-  
ward more often. Sure enough, the  
signal was at last flagged by our es-  
cort, telling us to be on the alert for  
unknown aircraft, believed to be  
hostile.

No passenger went below, unless  
it was to fetch his camera. But the  
skies remained empty, and we were  
forced to conclude, in the end, that  
the raider had either turned back or  
changed his plans.

The voyage ended as unobtrusive-  
ly as it had begun. Our escort left  
us in safe waters, and we proceeded  
—at our own speed at last—to our  
destination. The captain, who had  
spent the greater part of the voyage  
on the bridge, was tired but content-  
ed. It had been a better trip than  
average, he said.

Soon there would be more con-  
ferences of masters, a more course,  
a fresh rendezvous. The hours of un-  
relenting vigilance would begin  
again. In the meantime, the coopers  
and chemists and grocers of Scotland  
would continue to serve their clients.  
In the House of Commons the Minis-  
ter would again be able to reassure  
fretful back-benchers. Supplies and  
distribution are being maintained.

through the heart. But things don't  
happen that way in real life. In May,  
1920, a tank containing 11 tons of  
phosgene, the most poisonous of the  
non-persistent gases, burst in the docks  
of Hamburg. The gas formed a cloud  
which rolled over the suburbs of Ham-  
burg and injured people six miles  
away.  
But only ten people were killed, and  
300 taken to hospital, although there  
was no warning and there were no  
respirators.

I don't personally believe that a non-  
persistent, or cloud-forming, gas like  
this will be dropped on British cities.  
I think we may get "mustard gas" or  
Lewisite, which are not gases, but  
liquids whose vapours are poisonous  
when breathed, and which also attack  
the eyes and skin.

**F**ORTUNATELY our re-  
spirators give complete  
protection to the lungs  
and eyes. And though the blisters on  
the skin are painful, they have never  
been known to kill anyone.

In 1918 only one in 42 of the British  
casualties from mustard gas died, all  
from lung injuries, and another one in  
42 was ill for over six months.

Some of the smokes which cause  
sneezing will go through civilian res-  
pirators when present in very large  
amounts. They are most unlikely to  
kill you, but they may make you take  
your respirator off. However, that  
won't matter unless there is gas about  
at the same time. This is, however,  
most unlikely.

It is technically very difficult to  
make a combined gas and smoke  
bomb, and our fighters, balloons, and  
guns will certainly stop the Nazis from  
nipping carefully and first dropping  
gas, and then smoke bombs, in the  
same place.

There are people who speak of new  
and horrible gases which will penetrate  
respirators. I don't believe in such  
things for a moment. Mustard gas was  
first made in 1880, and nothing worse  
had been made by 1918.

But if something still more poisonous  
is made, it will almost certainly be  
stopped by our respirators. The reason  
is simple. The respirators do not stop  
light gases such as the carbon mon-  
oxide in coal-gas.

None of these is very poisonous. The  
lethal concentration of carbon mon-  
oxide is one part in two thousand of  
air, as compared with one in a million  
or so for mustard gas. And all the  
possible light gases have been made.

**T**HE charcoal of our  
respirators stops heavy  
gases regardless of their  
composition. So, as my respirator fits,  
I don't expect anything worse than  
blisters, whatever gas is dropped on me.

But to make us all safe and to avoid  
panic, three other things are needed.  
First of all helmets for all babies left  
in vulnerable areas, and instructions  
for as many adults as possible in how  
to use them. Second, a possibility of  
testing respirators. Some of them  
don't fit, and none will last for ever.

Every borough should have a room  
where respirators can be tested at least  
twice a year in an atmosphere of tear  
gas. At least one has such a room  
already. A few leaks would be found  
and corrected.

Finally we want the right sort of  
propaganda. Don't let's pretend that  
a fully gas-proof room can be made in  
every house, or that our respirators  
are ideal.  
But let us realise that an ordinary  
room will keep nine-tenths of the  
gas outside, and an ordinary respirator  
will keep nine-tenths of the gas out-  
side. If these things are done, there will  
be no danger, either of death or panic,  
in the event of a gas raid.



## NAZI DEBTS £14,000,000 OWED TO BRITONS

### German Ships Seized To Pay Debts

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
LONDON, Dec. 8 (UP).—Banking circles in London state that British creditors are still owed some £14,000,000 by Germans.

They are taking steps to recover a portion of this debt by the seizure and sale of German ships, either those in British hands or those stranded in neutral ports throughout the world.

It is believed that 150 German ships are laid up in neutral ports where they are accumulating harbour charges and wages.

German shipping companies have been doing their utmost to effect the sale of such ships to neutral countries.

The latter, however, are reported to be slow in making purchases, since Britain has announced that she will not recognise the transfer of any German ship to neutral ownership during the war.

## Rice Price Soars In Shanghai

**CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).**—The Shanghai Municipal Council is concerned about the sharp rise in the rice prices during the last few days.

Mr. T. K. Ho, deputy secretary of the Council, has fixed the maximum price at \$45 per picul following a consultation with the rice market.

Merchants attempting to sell rice above this price are liable to punishment.

The rice price soared as high as \$49 per picul on Saturday.

Prices of other commodities in Shanghai have been doubled recently. As a result, employees of various firms are asking increases in their salaries in order to meet the high cost of living.

Those of the Sincere and Sun Companies staged a go-slow strike yesterday as their demands were rejected by their employers.

## KING RETURNS FROM FRANCE

**LONDON, Dec. 10 (British Wire- less).**—The King reached England from France to-day after crossing in a destroyer. For most part of the time he remained on the bridge.

The King motored straight to Buckingham Palace.

**Refugee Destroyer**  
**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—King George returned from France by destroyer to-day. The King remained on the bridge throughout the trip.

The destroyer landed the King at a south coast port after which he motored to Buckingham Palace.

## Paralysis Victim In Manila

**MANILA, Dec. 10 (UP).**—Mr. Alexander P. Reynolds, 26, a civilian employee of the United States Air Force at Nichols Field, died in the Army Hospital to-day of infantile paralysis.

Mr. Reynolds is the third victim of the disease to pass away within the past month.

## Mosquito Fleet For Caribbean

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (Domest.).—It is understood that, following the opening of a new naval base in the Caribbean Sea, the United States Navy is organizing a mosquito fleet consisting of 23 torpedo-boats and submarines.

## WARPLANE INVENTOR EXILE IN THE D. E. I.

**PARIS, Dec. 8 (UP).**—Walter Messerschmidt, inventor of Germany's famous pursuit planes, was expelled from Germany two years ago and is now a Dutch citizen residing in the East Indies, according to a special article by Roland-Lennard appearing in the newspaper "Le Jour".

The writer revealed Messerschmidt, who once worked as an engineer for 300 marks a month, was a student in the Mechanical Institute at Jena.

Later he was employed in the aeronautics department of Farben, where his value as an aeronautical inventor brought him high recognition after three years of employment.

It was 1920 when he entered the Krupp works and started mass production of the planes called "Messerschmidt," but his reputation as an anti-Nazi also began to spread about this time.

The writer said Gestapo began strict surveillance over Messerschmidt, who became annoyed and threw a handful of nuts and bolts into the face of the gum-shoers and yelled, "Please let me work in peace."

## Busy Week For Parliament

### Secret Sessions On Wednesday

**LONDON, Dec. 10 (British Wire- less).**—In the last few days before the adjournment on Thursday for the Christmas recess, Parliament will be fully engaged.

In the Commons there will be a secret session on Wednesday when discussion will be on the supply of arms and munitions.

On Tuesday the House will hear a statement on the war in the air by the Air Secretary, Sir Kingsley Wood, while before the adjournment on Thursday, the Prime Minister will review the progress of the war as a whole.

On all three days, the question of time will be long.

The Russian attack on Finland and further measures towards co-ordinating the organisation of the nation's economic effort are subjects in the forefront of the timetable.

## BIG SHIPS ON GUARD

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If she attempts to do so she will meet with a warm reception.

British battleships are cruising off the Soviet and Finnish Arctic coasts, awaiting such a move.

The British ships are reported to have been sighted off Petsamo Fjord, where Russians and Finns are now fiercely battling.

But the British ships are not there in connection with the Soviet-Finnish hostilities.

They are awaiting any attempt by the Deutschland to put into the only available Russian port in the Arctic—Murmansk.

It is at this port that the German trans-Atlantic liner Bremen and dozens of other German ships found refuge at the outbreak of war. They are still there, carefully watched by units of the British fleet in case they attempt to escape or meet the Deutschland.

It was also to this port that the captured American liner City of Flint was taken by a prize crew.

Murmansk is the only port in Europe open to German ships. Further south they cannot hope to run the British blockade.

In addition to sinking the Rawalpindi, the Deutschland has claimed at least two other victims—the British steamer Stonegate and the Norwegian steamer Norrentz W. Hansen.

The pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer is also believed to be at large. She is thought to have sunk the British steamer Clement, apparently her only victim.

Rumour states that the Admiral Scheer is operating in either the South Atlantic or Indian Ocean.

The Deutschland and Admiral Scheer, which have speeds of 20 knots, carry complements of 925 and are armed with six 11in. guns and eight 5.5in. guns.

The islands in the Gulf of Finland the inhabitants greeted them with open arms.

Finnish circles in Helsinki smile at this report, pointing out that the "inhabitants" of this particular island consist of four coast-guards and a lighthouse keeper.

The island was bombed and shelled, but the five men escaped to the mainland before a single Soviet soldier set foot on the island.

## Won't Sail Under Panama Flag

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Maritime Commission announces that the United States Line has withdrawn its application for the transfer of nine of its ships to the Panamanian flag.

The company indicated that it would file another application seeking approval of the transfer of the registry of eight vessels, which have been used up since the Neutrality Act was promulgated, to some other registry.

Messerschmidt was also reported to have refused to wear a swastika symbol, and this brought him into disrepute with Adolf Hitler.

Finally he was removed from Krupp, so he organised an airplane works at Stuttgart, where he soon obtained a majority of the army's orders despite strong competition from the Heinkel and Storm plants.

After two years of continued output, Messerschmidt was reported to have been called "on the carpet" and informed that while the regime realized he was not dangerously hostile he was believed to have "too many enemies surrounding him," and was advised to leave Germany.

The Reich was said to have appropriated all patents and continued making the Messerschmidt, while the inventor went to Batavia and took Dutch citizenship.

## DECORATED BY KING

### Bravery Of Two R.A.F. Officers

**LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).**—Before leaving France, His Majesty the King personally decorated Flying Officer R. C. Gravelly and Sergeant F. H. Gardiner both of whom received the O.B.E. (Military).

F. O. Gravelly won the award when he showed a total disregard for his own safety when an enemy plane shot down his aircraft, which crashed in flames. He pulled his wounded observer from the wreckage and returned to rescue the gunner, who was dead.

Sgt. Gardiner was the observer of another plane which the enemy seriously damaged. Despite a wound over his right eye, he set an accurate course to the base.

With his own clothes alight, Gardiner extinguished the burning clothes of the wireless operator by beating out the flames with his hands.

**Frenchmen Decorated**  
His Majesty conferred on a French cavalry captain the D.S.O., and on a pilot N.C.O. the Distinguished Flying Medal.

General Marie Gamelin, Generalissimo of the Allied Forces, presented the Croix-de-Guerre on a British pilot sergeant.

His Majesty also invested General Gmelin with the Grand Cross of the Bath, and General Georges, the No. 2 in the French Army, with the Grand Cross of the British Empire.

## Tommies Face The Boche

### British Patrol In French Sector

**LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter's Special Correspondent With the B.E.F.).**—For the first time since the war began, British troops are face to face with German forces.

A portion of the British Expeditionary Force now under French command is occupying a portion of the Maginot Line outside the British Zone.

There has been some patrol activity and occasional mutual shelling in this part of the front.

There have been no British casualties.

## FAR EAST VICTIMS IN YORKSHIRE SINKING

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aboard were returning from India. The list consists almost entirely of the names of military men, their wives and families, homeward bound from the East.

**Missing Passengers**  
The following is the list of missing passengers:

Col. W. L. E. Reynolds, M.C., R.A.M.C.; Col. H. Cornford, R.A.O.C.; Capt. F. W. Beer, Infantry; Squadron-Leader P. Thripp, R.A.F.; Warrent-Officer A. C. Barber; Lance-Corporal A. E. Bone, Infantry; Lance-Corporal W. C. Alloway, R. Armoured Corps; Private J. Brownhill, Infantry; Private W. Bradley, n.a.m.c.; Private D. E. Handy, Infantry; Company-Sergeant-Major J. Clements, Infantry (two died of wounds and was buried at sea).

Chief Yeoman of Signals Jones, R.N.; Petty-Officer Telegraphist Clarke, R.N.; Chief Yeoman of Signals Butlin, R.N.V.R.; Mrs. Wade, wife of Lieut-Colonel E. W. Wade, R.A.M.C.; and two daughters; Mrs. Beer, wife of Captain F. W. Beer; four children of Company Sergeant-Major W. Harris, Infantry; Mrs. Armstrong, wife of Company-Sergeant Major H. Armstrong, Infantry, two children.

Mrs. Cole, wife of Sergeant Cole, R.A.; Mrs. Bell, wife of Staff-Sergeant Bell, Military Engineering Service, Indian Army; and two children.

Miss Shepley, Miss Edwards, Mr. Harrington and Mr. Brown.

**Relatives' Greeting**  
The Yorkshire was sunk at the same time as the City of Mandalay, an Ellerman Line vessel. She had 778 persons aboard of which 160 were crew. The survivors, with those of the City of Mandalay, were picked up by the American vessel Independence Hall.

One of the ship's writers said that the Yorkshire sank in nine minutes.

## OPPOSITION TO RED AGGRESSION SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

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will be finished quickly, probably on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Argentine motion to expel Soviet Russia from the League has been supported by the delegates of other Latin American countries following their informal discussions during the past days.

Some circles believe that there is still a chance of the expulsion motion passing the Assembly session.

Although it is certain that the League will vote a moral condemnation of the Soviet action, informed quarters consider it unlikely that the present sessions will decide on any economic or financial sanctions against Soviet Russia in invocation of the Covenant.

It is also believed likely that the Assembly session will adopt a resolution inviting the member States to assist Finland in defending its independence.

## Triangular Tournament Rugger

### (By "Fly-half")

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Godfrey broke too quickly from the scrum and flattened Clarke, before the ball had been heeled. Paul made no mistake with the resulting penalty kick.

The next score was Bidwell's, and has been described above. Castleton failed to convert. Club then attacked on the other wing, following good work by Hutchison and Bidwell, which let Bosanquet romp over, practically unopposed. Castleton converted.

**PAUL'S KICKING**  
NAVY then took control of the game though good work by their forwards, and were heartened when Paul kicked a penalty goal from well out. Navy maintained the pressure, and just before half time, from a loose scrum near the touch line on Club's twenty five, the ball went out on the left to Paul, who kicked a well-taken dropped goal with his left foot. This brought Navy's score up to ten points, against club's eleven. The whistle went for half time with no change in the scoring.

**TYPICAL TRY**  
STEWART put Club further ahead when he scored one of his typical tries. Charter failed to convert. Charter, using his powerful side step, broke through the Navy's three quarter line, and repeated his side step when opposed by Bax, to carry on and just get over the line when tackled by Paul, who had made a great effort to overtake Charter and only just failed. Castleton converted.

Paul kicked a penalty goal when Henderson was penalised for barging. Time came without further score though Navy tried hard. Lt. Pirie of the Royal Scots, refereed.

The teams were:  
Club:—F. M. Thompson (15), D. I. Bosanquet (5), H. D. Bidwell (3), J. Hutchison (1), D. H. Stewart (2), J. C. Charter (4), J. R. Henderson (2), R. E. Heasman (11), N. G. Castleton (25), P. F. Wanklyn (20), E. A. Bompas (27), C. F. Needham (12), A. M. Kennedy (18), A. F. Walkden (13) (Captain), and G. B. Godfrey (28).

Navy:—Lt. Bax, Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Mid. Teare and Sub. Lt. Kennedy; Mid. O'Riordan and Lt. Cdr. Clarke; Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Lt. (E) Brown, L. S. A. Palmer, Flt. Lt. Taylor, A. B. Longmuir, Pay Lt. Charles, L. Wtr. Ferris and L. A. C. Gale.

**Club "A" 14 8th R. A. 10**  
CLUB A defeated 8th. H.B. R.A. by 14 pts. (a goal, two tries and a penalty goal) to 10 pts. (a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal). The gunners were without Richards, their powerful wing threequarter, who is still on the injured list, and played ten men following thumb injury to Smythe, soon after the game started.

Club were also below full strength and played two forwards in the three-quarter line. Thomson was an enterprising scrum half, for Club. With his backing up in threequarter movements was once more much in evidence. His long perfect passes gave Club a good advantage, and allowed the threequarters to lie deep. Carruthers was not at his best, being tackled in possession too often.

Nelson was the best Club back on view, and in the second half Deane, on being taken out of the pack to play inside the threequarter, defended well, and always seemed to be on the spot when danger threatened his line. Up forward, Searle, Burford and Hynes served Club well in the loose, whilst Richardson did good work in the lineouts. Dalziel was effective both at forward and later at three-quarters.

**MILITARY MAINSTAY**  
HOOK was the mainstay of the military back division, while ably supported by Armstrong and Keble. Cook, McDermott and Plummer worked hard in the military pack.

The military men scored first when Hook dribbled over for an unconverted try. Nelson equalised with a try which was not majorised. Thomson put Club further in the lead, when he backed up to take a pass from Hynes, who at the time was playing wing threequarter, to score near the corner flag.

Burford, just after the restart, failed to kick a penalty goal from midway out in front of the posts. In an attack by the Gunners, Keble at full back, came into possession in front of the Club posts, and dropped goal. Thomson then pleased with a splendid solo effort in which he weaved his way through his opponents' defence, to carry on and score behind the posts. Richardson converted. Plummer kicked a penalty goal for the Gunners, to reduce Club's lead. Richardson completed the scoring when he kicked a penalty goal for the Club.

**Bronze Statue Of  
Late Marshal**  
CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—Chinese circles in Shanghai are planning to erect a bronze statue to perpetuate the memory of the late Marshal Wu Pei-fu, according to a Shanghai report. Funds for this purpose are now being collected by the various newspaper offices.

## BRITISH BLOCKADE RUSSIANS PROTEST

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**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (UP).—M. Molotov, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, is protesting against the British blockade of German exports. The Russian protest alleges that it is a violation of International Law and harmful to rights and interests of neutral countries.

M. Molotov asserts that the blockade is "unprecedented in the history of international relations."

The note was handed to the British Embassy in Moscow to-day. It demands compensation for any losses as a result of Russian ships being forcibly brought to British or French control ports and also for losses sustained in foreign trade.

**NAVY SEARCH FOR  
'NEEDLE IN HAYS-  
TACK' UNDER WAY**

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fishermen, and as an instance of the remarkable qualities of these men he told the story of a peaceful fishing trawler which was shelled at close range by a U-boat.

The trawler crew launched their boat while shells "whizzed" all around them.

The U-boat, after seeing the small trawler sink, left the crew to their fate in the North Sea.

While it was being launched, the ship's bow had a hole knocked in its side and was in danger of sinking. The engineer, however, promptly stuck his foot into the hole and the other members of the crew plastered it into place with tallow and grease.

For 22 hours, he kept his foot in one position, for the lives of all depended on him.

They did not ashore safely. "We are still a race of seamen carrying on a high tradition," concluded the commentator.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

**BANKS**  
H.K. Banks \$.....1330 b.  
H.K. Banks (Long Reg.) \$.....289 1/2 n.  
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) \$.....284 1/2 n.  
Chartered \$.....8 n.  
Mercantile, A. & B. \$.....20 1/2 n.  
Mercantile, C. & E. \$.....11 1/2 n.  
East Asia \$.....71 b.

**INSURANCES**  
Canton \$.....220 n.  
Union \$.....390 b.  
China Underwriter \$.....1 1/2 n.  
H.K. Fire \$.....160 n.

**SHIPPING**  
Douglases \$.....71 b.  
Steamboats \$.....11 n.  
Indo-Chinas, P. \$.....70 b.  
Indo-Chinas, D. \$.....40 b.  
Shells (Bears) \$.....79/4 1/2 n.  
Waterboats \$.....810 n.

**DOCKS ETC.**  
Wharves \$.....101 1/2 n.  
Docks \$.....1010 b.  
Providents \$.....435 n.  
New Eng. Sh. \$.....1700 n.  
Sh. Docks Sh. \$.....195 n.

**MINING**  
Kallan \$.....17/6 n.  
Banks \$.....10 1/2 n.  
Venz. Gold \$.....4 n.  
H.K. Mines \$.....4 n.

**LANDS**  
Hotels \$.....407 1/2 n.  
Lands \$.....33 b.  
Lands 4% Deb. \$.....100 n.  
S'hai Lands Sh. \$.....1080 n.  
Humphreys \$.....73 1/2 n.  
H.K. Realities \$.....430 n.  
Chinese Estates \$.....100 b.

**UTILITIES**  
Trams \$.....10 1/2 n.  
Peak Trams (old) \$.....8 n.  
Peak Trams (new) \$.....4 n.  
Star Ferries \$.....65 1/2 b.  
Y. Ferries \$.....23 1/2 b.  
China Lights (old) \$.....765 b.  
China Lights (new) \$.....475 b.  
H.K. Electric \$.....51 1/2 b.  
Macao Electric \$.....10 1/2 n.  
Sardakan Lights \$.....17 1/2 b.  
Telephones (old) \$.....24 b.  
Telephones (new) \$.....8 b.  
Traction \$.....18 1/2 n.  
Traction (Prof.) \$.....18/0 n.

**INDUSTRIALS**  
Cold. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....14 n.  
Cold. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....13 n.  
Canton Ice \$.....1 n.  
Cements \$.....1575 n.  
H.K. Ropes \$.....520 b.

**STORES, &c.**  
Dairy Farm (old) \$.....2050 b.  
Dairy Farm (new) \$.....19 1/2 n.  
Watsons \$.....825 b.  
Lane, Crawford \$.....7 1/2 n.  
Sincere \$.....180 n.  
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....41 n.  
Powell, Ltd. \$.....1 n.

**COTTON MILLS**  
Ewo Sh. \$.....2580 n.  
Shat Cotton Sh. \$ ex. div. \$.....16 n.  
Zong Sing Sh. \$.....4 n.  
Wing On Textiles \$.....40 1/2 n.

**MISC.**  
H.K. Entertainments \$.....035 b.  
Constructions (old) \$.....175 b.  
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.  
Vibro Piling \$.....0 1/2 n.  
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 \$.....47 1/2 n.  
G. Bonds \$.....100 n.  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$.....07 1/2 n.  
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan \$.....07 1/2 n.  
Marmans (Lon.) \$.....14/9 n.  
Marmans (H.K.) \$.....4/4 n.

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"The Oklahoma Kid" (Kings): A Wild West story about the settlement of Oklahoma with James Cagney as a lawless adventurer who beats a ruthless gang of outlaws and single-handedly

## Prize-Winners At I.R.C. Dance

The following were the prize-winners at the Indian R.C. dance on Saturday evening:



By Order, **C. B. BROWN,**  
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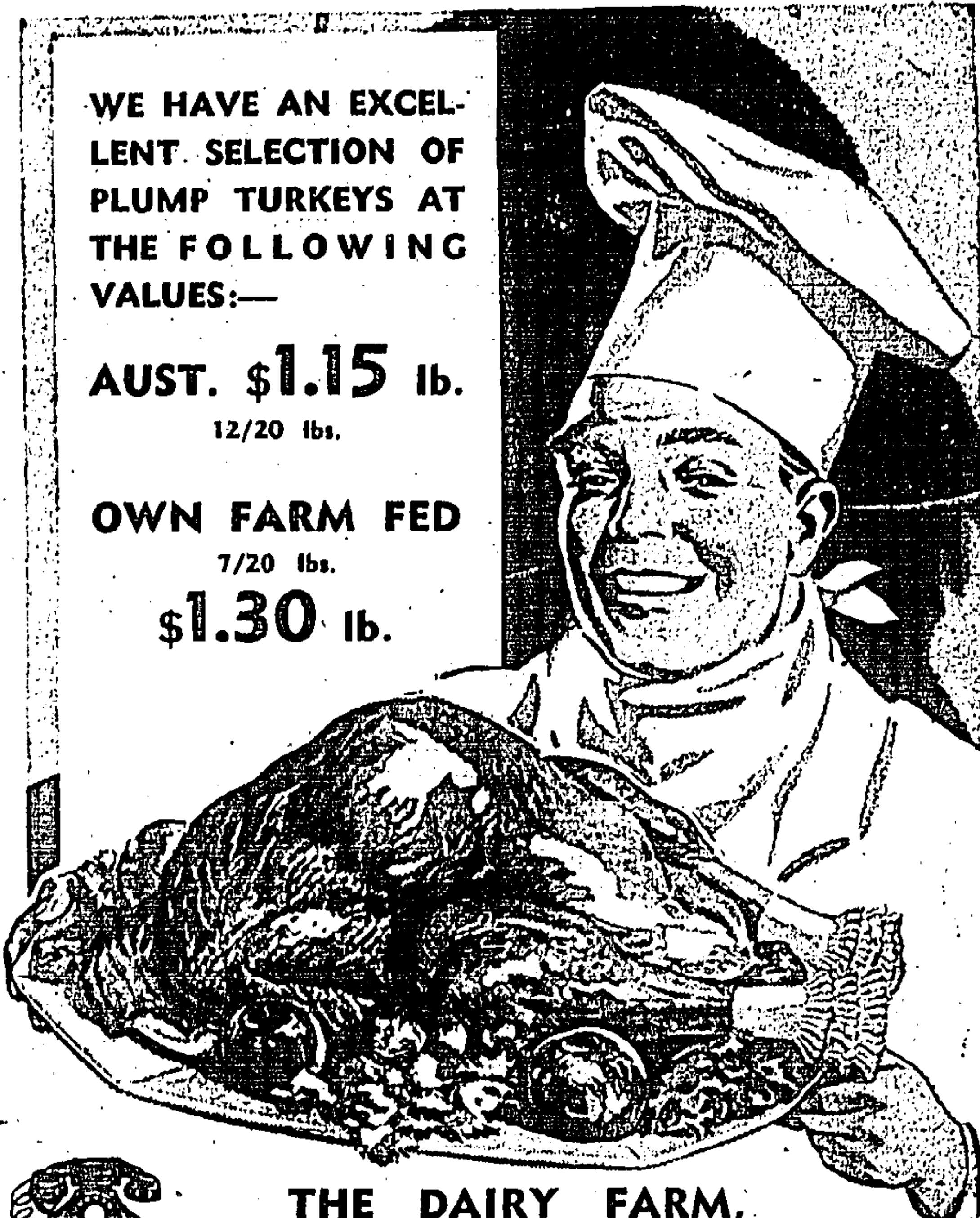


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into a basin. Rub in very lightly  
four ounces of butter or best mar-  
garine, add three ounces of chopped  
walnuts. Do not add any liquid but  
press the crumbs together until the  
mixture attains a consistency like  
putty.

Roll out to about one-quarter of an  
inch in thickness, stamp into rounds,  
and after placing on an ungreased  
tin, bake from ten to fifteen minutes  
in a fairly hot oven. Cool off and  
dust over with caster sugar, then  
store in air-tight tin.

The biscuits can be kept for a time  
if they are crisped up before using by  
being placed for a few moments in a  
moderate oven.

### APPLE PORRIDGE

STEW sufficient apples without  
sugar to give 1 pint of apple pulp.  
Sweeten the pulp with brown sugar  
and then stir in 1 tablespoonful of  
cornflour, which has been blended  
with a little cold water.

Bring to the boil and cook for a  
few minutes, stirring all the time and  
serve hot.

B. M.

### Puddings For Two

IT is always more difficult to cater  
for a small number than for a  
large family, and many people who  
have only two to cater for—newly-  
marrieds—in particular—find it  
difficult to ring the changes, especial-  
ly in the pudding line, without being  
wildly extravagant. Here are a few  
tried recipes that may be helpful.

#### Windsor Pudding

Three ozs breadcrumbs, 1 oz flour,  
2 ozs shredded suet, 2 ozs peeled and  
chopped apples, 1 tablespoonful  
chopped peel, 1 oz moist sugar, few  
drops lemon essence, good pinch  
baking powder, 1 egg and a little  
milk.

Mix the flour, breadcrumbs, and  
suet. Add sugar and fruit, mixing  
with a fork. Add beaten egg and  
sufficient milk to make mixture bind  
together. Pour into greased bowl  
and steam three hours.

#### Steamed Walnut Pudding

Take 4 ozs flour, 2 ozs sugar, 1 oz  
margarine, 2 ozs shelled walnuts, ¼  
teaspoonful ground cinnamon, and a  
good pinch of cloves; 1½ tablespoon-  
ful water, 1 egg, ½ teaspoonful bak-  
ing powder.

Cream the margarine and sugar.  
Add flour, spices, beaten egg, and  
water. Stir in baking powder lightly,  
and lastly the walnuts (chopped).  
Steam steadily for two hours.

A good sauce to serve with either  
of these puddings is made thus:—

Put ½ teaspoonful water, the stain-  
ed juice of half a lemon and a  
dessertspoonful of sugar or syrup into  
a saucepan and boil five minutes.  
Just before serving add a small pinch  
of baking soda; stir well and serve.

If the meat course is being baked  
in the oven, try this pudding as it can  
be baked at the same time and thus  
save gas.

#### Grandle Pudding

Cream 1 oz of butter and 1 oz  
sugar. Add 1 beaten egg and  
gradually stir in 1 oz flour. Mix  
well, then stir in 1 gill milk. The  
mixture should be of a creamy con-  
sistency. Allow to soak half an  
hour, then stir in a pinch of baking  
powder. Pour at once into greased  
pale-dish and bake in a moderate  
oven (Reg. 3) for three-quarters of  
an hour. Serve with:—

#### Jam Sauce

Dissolve 2 tablespoonfuls jam, 1 oz  
sugar, 1 tablespoonful lemon juice in  
½ pint water. Simmer slowly ten  
minutes and serve, or, if you have  
a cup of unneut fruit juice, put it in  
pan; add a dessertspoonful corn-  
flour broken down with a gill of  
water. Bring to the boil, sweeten if  
necessary, and serve.

Isobel.

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(currants, sultanas, chopped raisins  
or dates), a teaspoonful of baking  
soda, and a pinch of salt. Add half  
a cupful of fat (margarine, dripping,  
or a vegetarian cooking fat), a cupful  
of brown sugar (or golden syrup),  
and a cupful of water, after warming  
them together on the stove. Mix  
well, turn into a lined tin and bake  
in a moderate oven for about an  
hour.

If possible, avoid cutting the cake  
at all for several days. Wrap it in  
grease-proof paper and store in an  
airtight tin. The above proportions  
can be doubled if a larger cake is  
wanted, or a couple of small ones.  
W. B.

### Economical Lemon Curd

NO butter, sugar or eggs are re-  
quired to make this lemon curd.  
A teaspoonful of golden syrup and a  
pinch of custard powder are the  
basic ingredients.

Make the custard in the usual way,  
using only a gill of milk, add the  
syrup, then slowly, stirring all the  
time, the juice and grated rind of a  
lemon.  
Bring it to the boil again, still stir-  
ring rapidly sift in a large teaspoonful  
of egg powder and continue stirring  
until the effervescence subsides.  
Turn into small jars when cool and  
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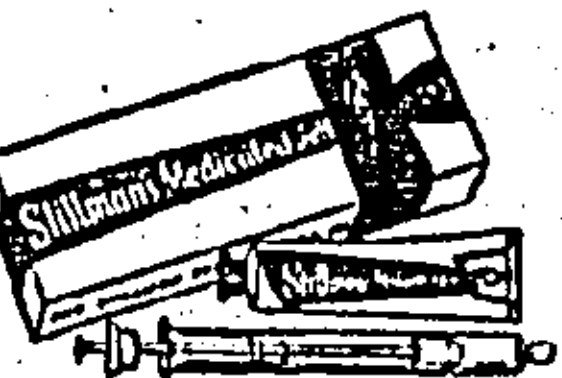
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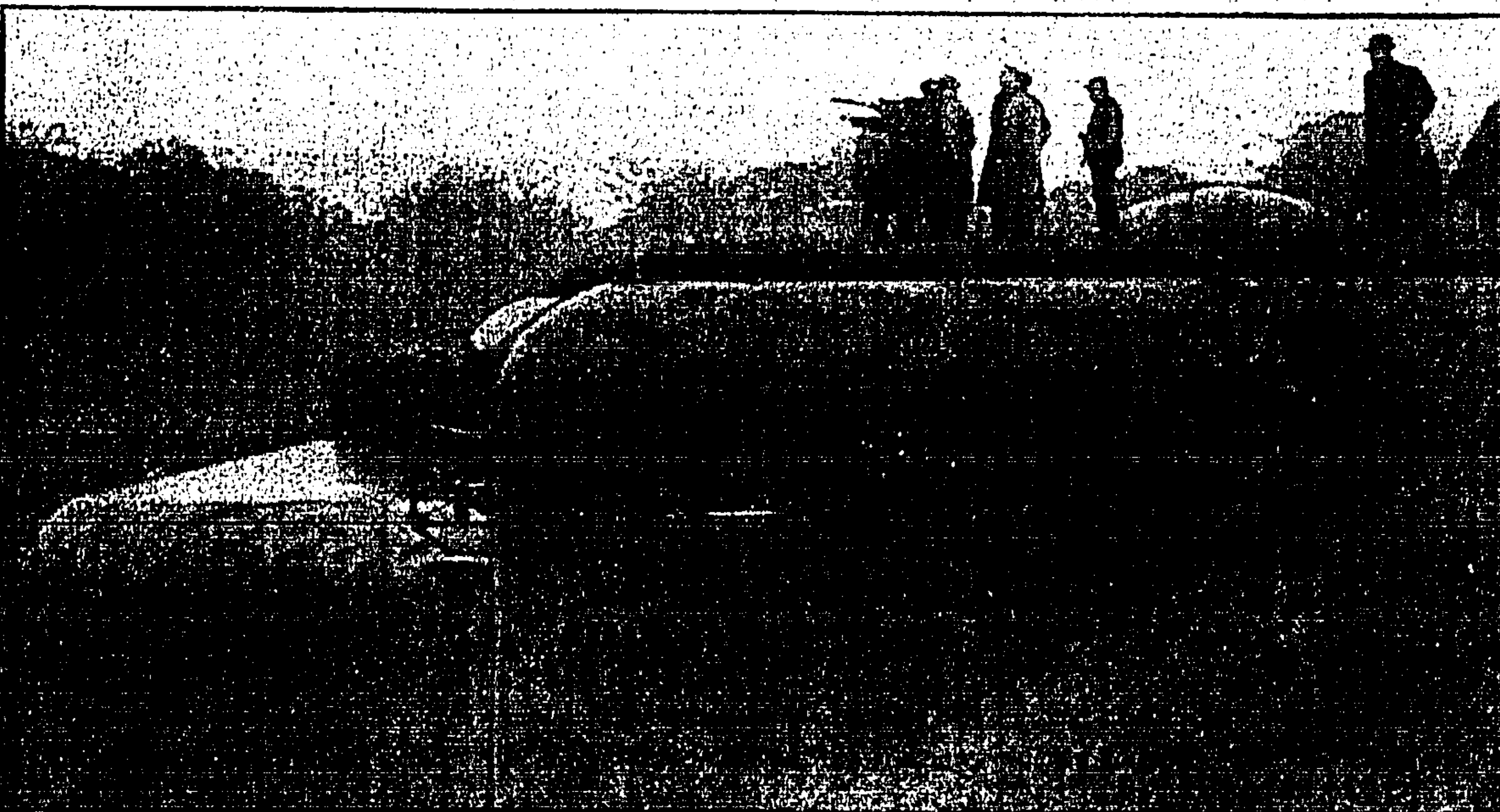
## FINNS MARCH TO DEFEND THEIR FREEDOM

Against great modern armies, little nations are saved only by terrain. Finland's lakes and vast swamps make an almost impassable barrier to the Russian tanks and armoured cars. But in winter they are frozen over, vulnerable to expert ski troops. Furthermore, Finland's coast is long and open. The Finnish Army totals 30,000 in peacetime, 300,000 in wartime, plus 110,000 veteran militiamen. Every man (perhaps a million) would fight and his place at home would be taken by the women of the famed Lotta Svärd organisation. Whole families belong to the various defence organisations. Last summer volunteers dug trenches along the border of Russia where Finland has its only considerable fortifications.

An old grudge the Finns have against the Russians is the Treaty of Dorpat of 1920 by which Russia was to have given semi-autonomy to the Karelians, a people related to the Finns. After a revolt, the Soviets wiped out the Karelian leaders and put in the usual Moscow regime of bureaucrats, soldiers and secret police.



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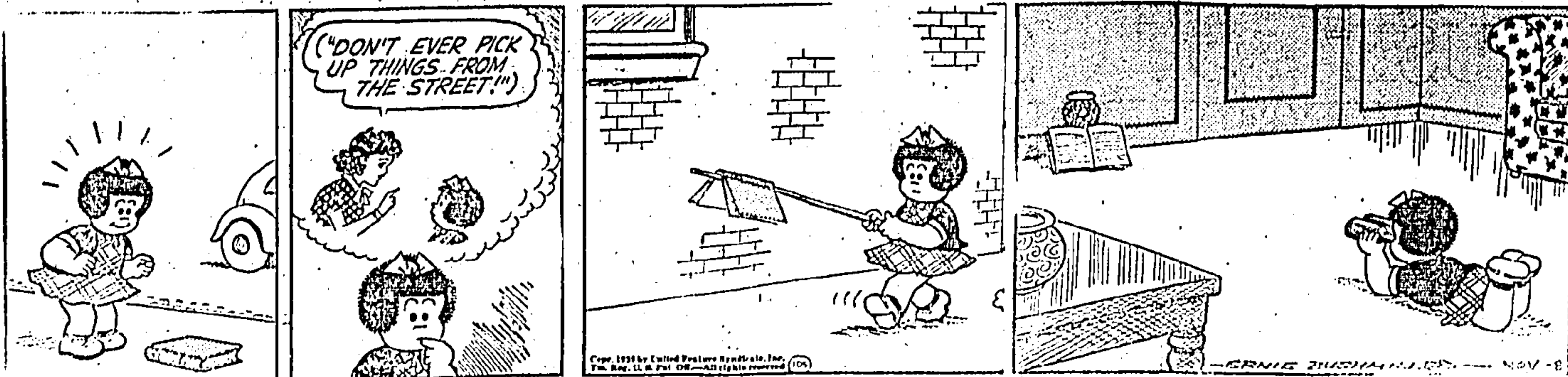
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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## First-Aid in the Home



"It's no use complaining, George. Do you, or do you not, want me to pass my first-aid exam?"

## Hongkong Thousand Miles Nearer California

## AMERICA FINDS NEW ROUTE TO FAR EAST

ON the west coast of the United States, commercial aviation is about to have a new trade route to the Orient by way of the Arctic. The new proposed commercial air route will travel over the Arctic to Asia and the fertile tridelands of Japan, China and Malaya.

In the immediate future the granting of an air-mail franchise for a 170-mile sky-way from Great Falls, Montana, to Lethbridge, Canada, the last link in an all-land route from Los Angeles to Nome, Alaska, will have been forged.

Test flights by several nations have culminated in the formation of air maps for the quick hop over less than 150 miles of Bering Straits to upper Siberia.

## Transport Lane

Nations of the world have been working on the plans for a transport lane between Asia, Canada and America with the route just south of the Arctic Circle.

This will bring Hongkong, about 1,000 miles near California and Canada than the present route over the trans-Pacific course.

Pioneering and surveying over the Bering Straits to Asia has been completed. Russia being the most outstanding country in this respect, having

made three successful hops over the Pole.

Last year Howard Hughes, the American, flashed down the Arctic route, and it is reported he is about to make another survey flight on this particular section. The Japanese used this route on their "good will flight" around the world.

According to experts, the route from the Pole to Hongkong would travel down the Kamchatka Peninsula to Japan. Between the long finger of land that extends south from the Arctic and Nippon lie the tiny Kurile Islands, possible intermediate bases.

## Immense Revenue

The revenue possibilities from such an air route are immense. No railroads or highways serve the upper Arctic or Canada. Large aircraft hauling freight through the rich oil and mineral lands of the north in Canada and Alaska would definitely be profitable.

And an all-land route to Asia would touch many a city not served by air to-day. The Pacific route, which will always be valuable, pauses only at far-away mid-ocean islands.

Completion of the Great Falls-Lethbridge run will give the United States the longest north-south sky-way in existence. From Nome to Santiago, Chile, the two extremities, roll 11,250 miles of fully equipped airline routes.

## SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

## SWISS BAN FOOD FOR NAZIS

Germany's foreign trade has received another jolt through the recent Swiss revision of the clearing system, which shows a deficit of £6,700,000 due to Switzerland.

To wipe this off the Swiss are forced to accept what they can get from the Nazis. The latter chiefly depended on machinery and coal for their exports to Switzerland, but owing to their lack of steel and their home consumption of coal, both of these are now almost unobtainable. To try to increase the production of coal for export the Nazis have taken between 20,000 and 30,000 workers off road and railway work and put them in the mines.

On their side the Swiss have drastically reduced their exports to Germany. One measure is that neither food nor clothing may now be sent to Germany from Switzerland.

Hitherto the number of small parcels addressed to private individuals in Germany, sent from Swiss shops and paid for by Swiss, English, American and refugee sympathisers with German relatives or friends, amounted to many thousands of tons a month, particularly tea, coffee and woollen clothes.

## Hitler's Choice

"There is not a family in Germany which wants the continuation of this war," declared the announcer of the first German radio station in its latest broadcast quoted by Reuters.

"Hitler must clear the way for peace," the announcer continued. "If Hitler really loved Germany, as he has so often and so solemnly asserted, he would have abdicated long ago."

"Should he and his henchmen not resign in time only one possibility remains—the overthrow of the Hitler regime by the German people rising in revolt against their destroyer."

## Radio Warfare Preferred

The Nazis have started operating a powerful broadcasting station in the Siegfried Line, near Saarbrücken.

A broadcast in French, for the benefit of the French troops opposite, chiefly consisted of defamatory remarks, many of them scurrilous, about Britain and the British.

The announcer stated, among other things, that the British troops are hanging their washing, not on the Siegfried Line, but in French houses far behind the front.

## Nazis' Toy Balloons

The first war news reel to be shown in Berlin contains pictures of German soldiers near the Siegfried Line tying pamphlets to toy balloons, which are to tell the French the "truth about the war."

Another incident depicts the flight of German bombers from Heligoland to Scapa Flow, dropping bombs on "the country of the capitalistic British."

## Jews For Poland

The German Government is reported to be working on an extensive plan for the evacuation to Poland of all Jews living in the German Reich.

## Sour Grapes

The Berlin paper "B.Z. am Mittag" prints the news that British soldiers are to leave Christmas leave under the headline, "The English Think First of Holidays."

## Turks Asked To Cancel Treaty

Istanbul, Dec. 9. As the first step towards its contemplated Balkan drive, the Soviet Government is demanding Turkey to denounce the Montreux Agreement, while the Soviet Black Sea Fleet is being strengthened, according to information reaching here.—Domei.

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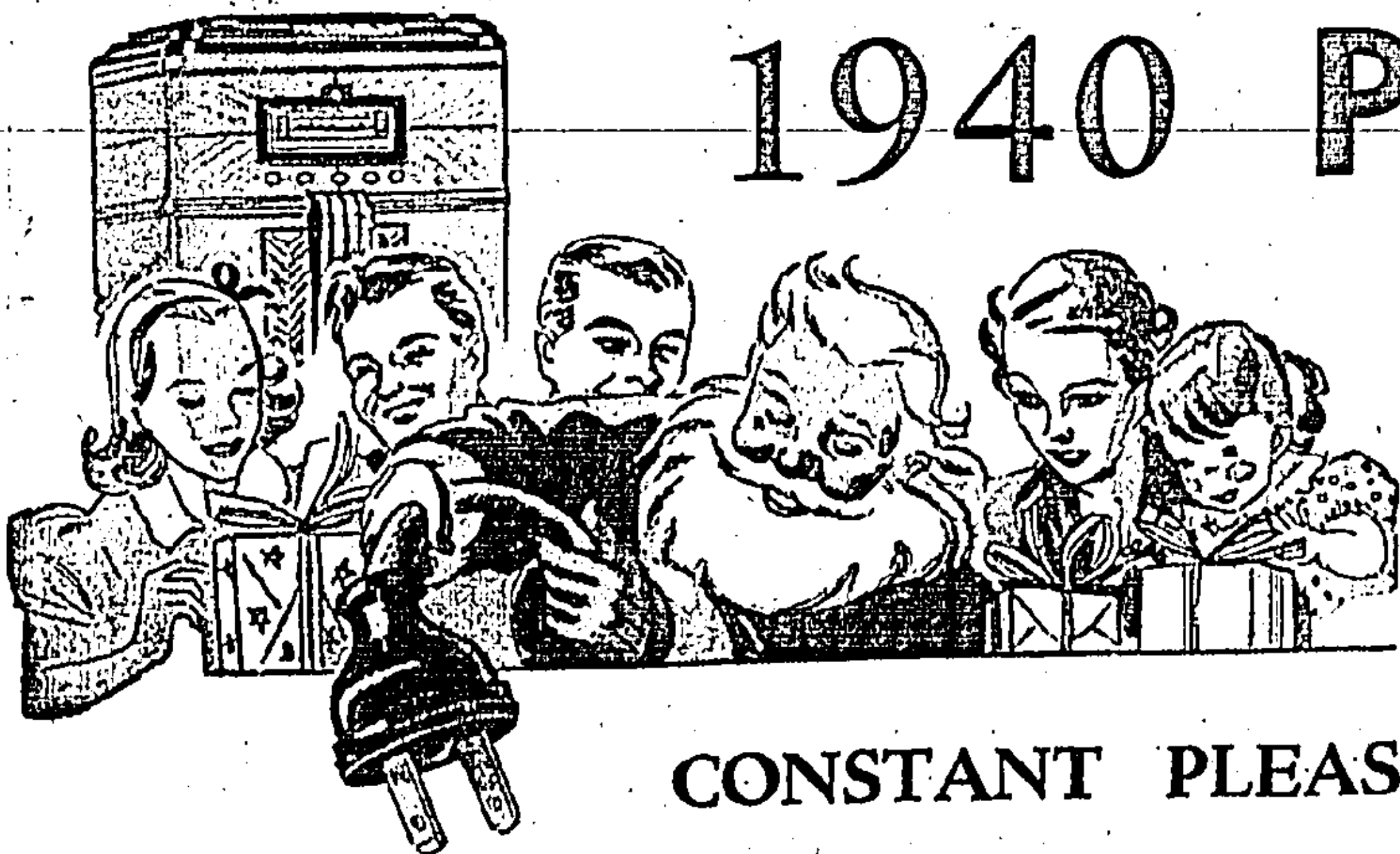
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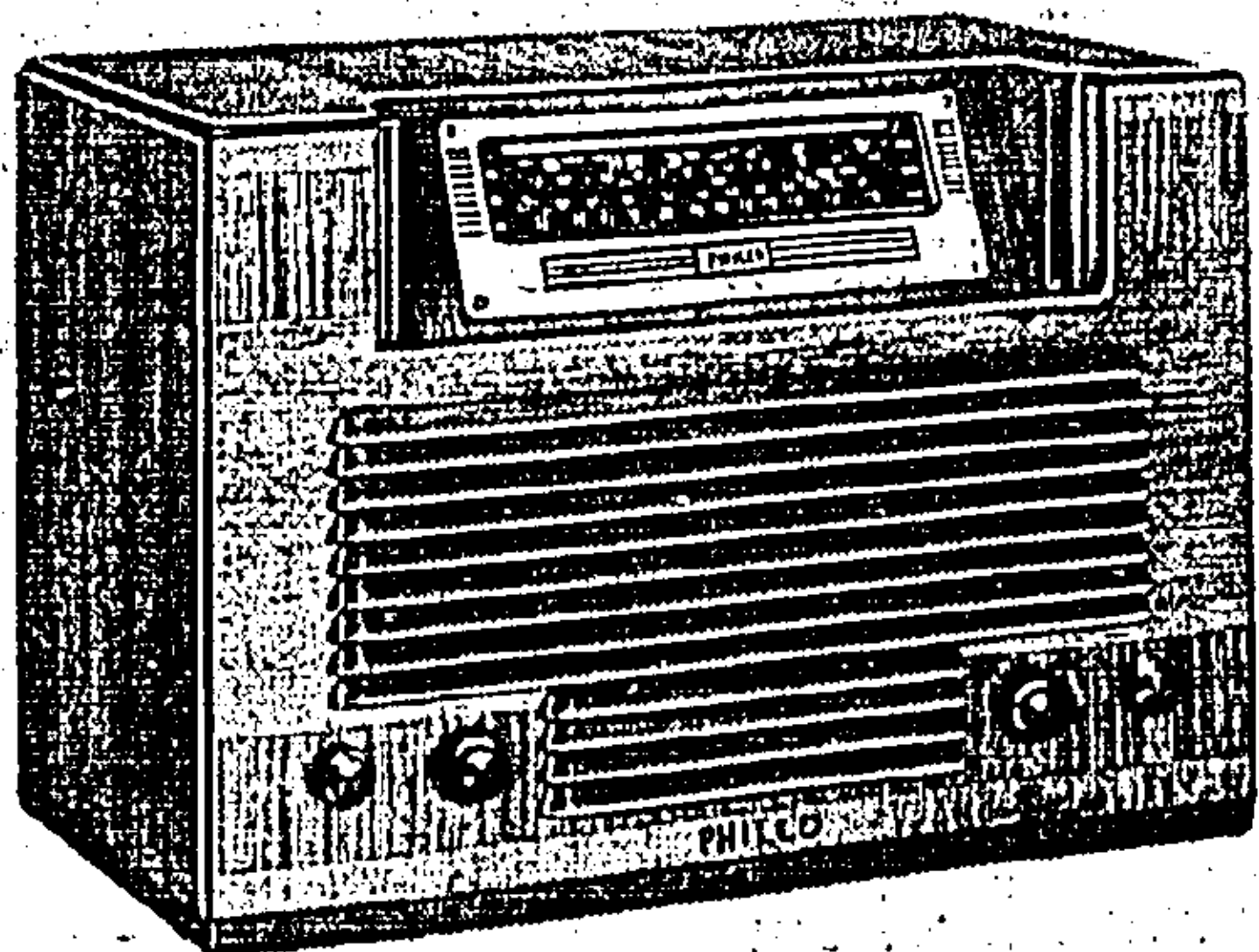
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## Army Only Has Time To Dream of "Blighty"

# HOUSE OF SECRETS ON WESTERN FRONT

### TROOPS NOT LEAVING

Rumours that two battalions of British troops are leaving the Hong-kong Garrison for England at the end of this month and that they will be replaced by Australian troops were denied by the Army spokesman this morning.

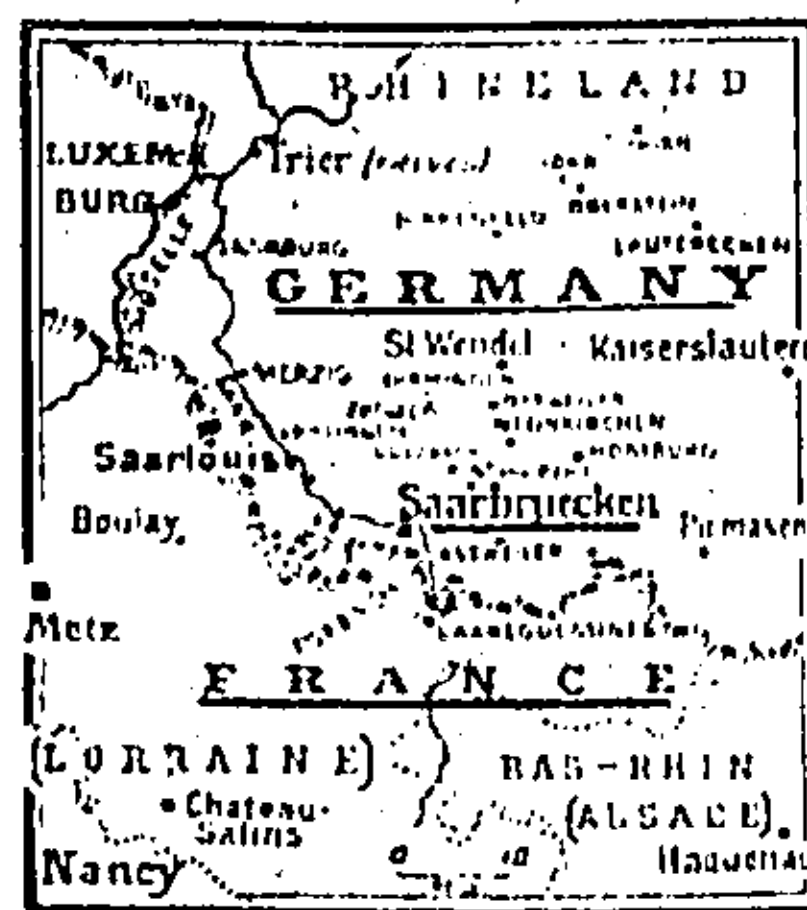
"We have no news of British troops leaving Hongkong as yet," he said.

### American Mail Liner Re-named

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SEATTLE, Dec. 10 (UP).—The steamer President Quezon, formerly the American Mail Line's President Madison, under the command of Captain J. C. Onrubia, is enroute to Vancouver, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hongkong and Manila with general cargo.

This is the vessel's maiden voyage for the Philippines' Mail Line.



### No Papal Appeal For Armistice

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 3 (UP).—Authoritative quarters deny that Holy See had asked for a Christmas armistice on fighting.

They point out that such a request is not urgent in view of the relative calm on the western front, while it would be meaningless at sea because of floating mines.

### From PHILIP JORDAN FRANCE.

HOME leave is now expected even earlier than was at first anticipated. The first batch of men will, it is hoped, be home in time for Christmas.

In the meantime, the Army, kept always on its toes, is too busy to do more than dream of leave in its few leisure moments.

The "cavalry" have been out practicing with their anti-tank guns and their machine-guns. Not far from this place, they mount their tanks and carriers and sweep across the plains, each machine-gun firing at the rate of several hundred rounds every minute.

### Accurate Firing

Despite the novelty of their armour-plated substitutes for horses, and despite also the speed at which those substitutes travel over level ground, the men are firing with remarkable accuracy, as your correspondent has just had occasion to observe.

Both tanks and carrier, running on a rapid zig-zag course not dissimilar to that which they will almost certainly have to adopt in battle, to-day pumped out a broadside that ripped to pieces the ground immediately behind their targets.

Artificial faults had been introduced into the magazines of the machine-guns so that the men might become fully expert at correcting jamming while on the move. Most of them proved superior to these defects in their armament.

### Room Of Maps

Beyond this improvised range there is an innocent looking house.

If you can get into this house, they will show you a room whose walls are lined with great maps, upon which are painted cabalistic signs that would mean nothing to an unauthorised intruder.

Yet these maps tell the instructed all that we know about the enemy—and a great deal more besides.

In this department, as in others, the Army is up-to-date. It uses pictorial statistics (which were invented and perfected by an Austrian) to convey information rapidly to the authorised visitor.

Here, too, they keep a file of all photographs taken from the air. Even those taken from great heights are amazingly clear and accurate. You can almost count the sleepers on the railway lines!

Each photograph is so simply cross-indexed that you can find its exact location on a large scale map without the slightest trouble.

Once more I was deeply impressed by the thoroughness with which the Army does a job of work. This manly room is a reassuring sight once you know what all the hieroglyphics really mean.

### No! No! Nanette Dress Rehearsal

The first dress rehearsal for the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's production of "No! No! Nanette" took place at the Queen's Theatre on Saturday night. The rehearsal augurs well for a successful season opening on Wednesday night at the same theatre and continuing each night until Saturday.

Booking for performances is very satisfactory and His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote has taken seats for Thursday night's showing. Concessions to men of the fighting services will be made for Wednesday and Thursday's performances.

The organisers of the British War Organisation Fund hope that the Hongkong public will support the show in order to allow a liberal donation to be handed over to the fund.

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### Freight Train Strikes Mine

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—A Shanghai-bound Japanese freight train was wrecked when it struck a Chinese mine at Chowching-hang, near Wush on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, on Saturday, according to a Shanghai report. Japanese troops in the vicinity, rushing to the scene, were attacked and thrown back by Chinese guerrillas.

### S.P.C. MEETING

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present at the Annual General Meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children, which takes place at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. this evening. The meeting is open to the public.



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# Plan To Partition A Continent

PROPOSED ACTION AGAINST SOVIET

## China Will Not Vote at Geneva

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, Dec. 10 (Domei).—On the eve of the Assembly meeting, scheduled for Monday, the Chinese delegation to-day notified the British and French delegations that the Chinese Government, as a member of the Council, will abstain from voting in case the Assembly meeting on Monday takes up the proposed expulsion of Soviet Russia from the League in connection with the Soviet-Finnish dispute.

The Chinese step is construed as a gesture towards the Soviet supply of arms to China in the current Sino-Japanese conflict.

Informed quarters point out that the Chinese decision will cause some technical difficulties in the proposed action on Russia since the expulsion of a Member State needs a unanimous vote of the Council.

It is understood, however, that China will not be able to retain its seat in the partial re-election of the Council, Chinese sympathy for the Soviet Russia will not therefore, greatly affect League action in face of the strong anti-Soviet sentiments on the part of the Latin American countries.

Exclusion Blocked

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
GENEVA, Dec. 10 (UP).—It is reliably stated that Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese Ambassador to France, has informed the French and British delegates to the League Council, M. Boncour and Mr. R. A. Butler, that China will abstain from voting in the League Council meeting on Monday when the session convenes at 11 a.m., Monday.

China will thus block Russia's exclusion, inasmuch as a unanimous vote is required.

Mr. Butler told the "United Press" that, despite the identity of French and British views, the exclusion of Russia is hardly possible because of "technical difficulties," which may be interpreted as the requirement for an unanimous vote.

Dr. Koo is non-committal regarding Argentina's request to expel Russia from the League. The Russian delegate sulked about the hotel and gave audience to nobody except German correspondents.

Italian Withdrawal

Meanwhile, Italy, formally withdrew from membership in the League to-day—the two year notice period having expired following her resignation. Since the Russo-Finnish dispute, however, Italy's interest as an observer is manifestly increasing.

Germany and Japan were particularly active recently while many German journalists asked permission to attend the session. Some were denied.

Japanese activities have been carried out through the so-called Japanese Bureau of International Conferences.

Appeal For Aid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (UP).—A plenary Parliament proclamation appeals to the civilised world to aid in the struggle for the defence of our Democratic regime, our religion and our homes, which all civilised peoples hold sacred.

This is the first time the Finns have officially appealed for outside aid in a broadcast to the world. It was jammed by interference.

Continuing, the broadcast said: "Our position as the advance guard of western civilisation gives us the

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## STILL NOT DISLODGED Russians Batter Against Steel

By WEBB MILLER  
UP War Correspondent

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ON THE KARELIAN FRONT, Dec. 11 (UP).—Finland's heroic defenders in this sector have, for the fourth consecutive day, repulsed all attempts by the vastly overwhelming Red forces to gain a foothold on the west bank of the river-like outlet to Lake Fuvanto.

The Russians are fruitlessly attempting to advance along the right bank of this outlet in an attempt to outflank the Mannerheim-Line.

Aeroplane and warships are playing an important part in Russia's attacks on all sectors without, however, bending the Finnish lines.

It is a most gallant resistance these Finns are putting up to the vast force Russia is pouring into their country.

Nine thousand Russians are reported to have died on the northern front.

Finnish sharpshooters are claiming a deadly toll. They killed 800 Russians at Searamoucho alone.

The Finns admit that the Russians have pushed 24 miles inside the border. But it has taken them a week to attain this ridiculously small gain, and their advance lines are, in many places, disorganized and without supply.

Continuous Attacks

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A communique just released stated that there had been continued enemy attacks in the region of the Tupala River which had been repulsed.

There had been violent fighting at several points on the Eastern frontier with the exception of the Petsamo region.

Soviet aircraft bombed forts on the islands before Kolvisto.

The Finnish air force bombed marching enemy columns and with the assistance of field artillery, destroyed a column of tanks and armoured cars.

A Moscow communique claims advances of between three and four miles in every war zone.

It is also claimed that Soviet troops have occupied the town of Kuolajarvi in the direction of Ukkia and the towns of Boboshino and Kirkamajala in the Karelian Isthmus.

Lake Ladoga Battle

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—An official communique issued at

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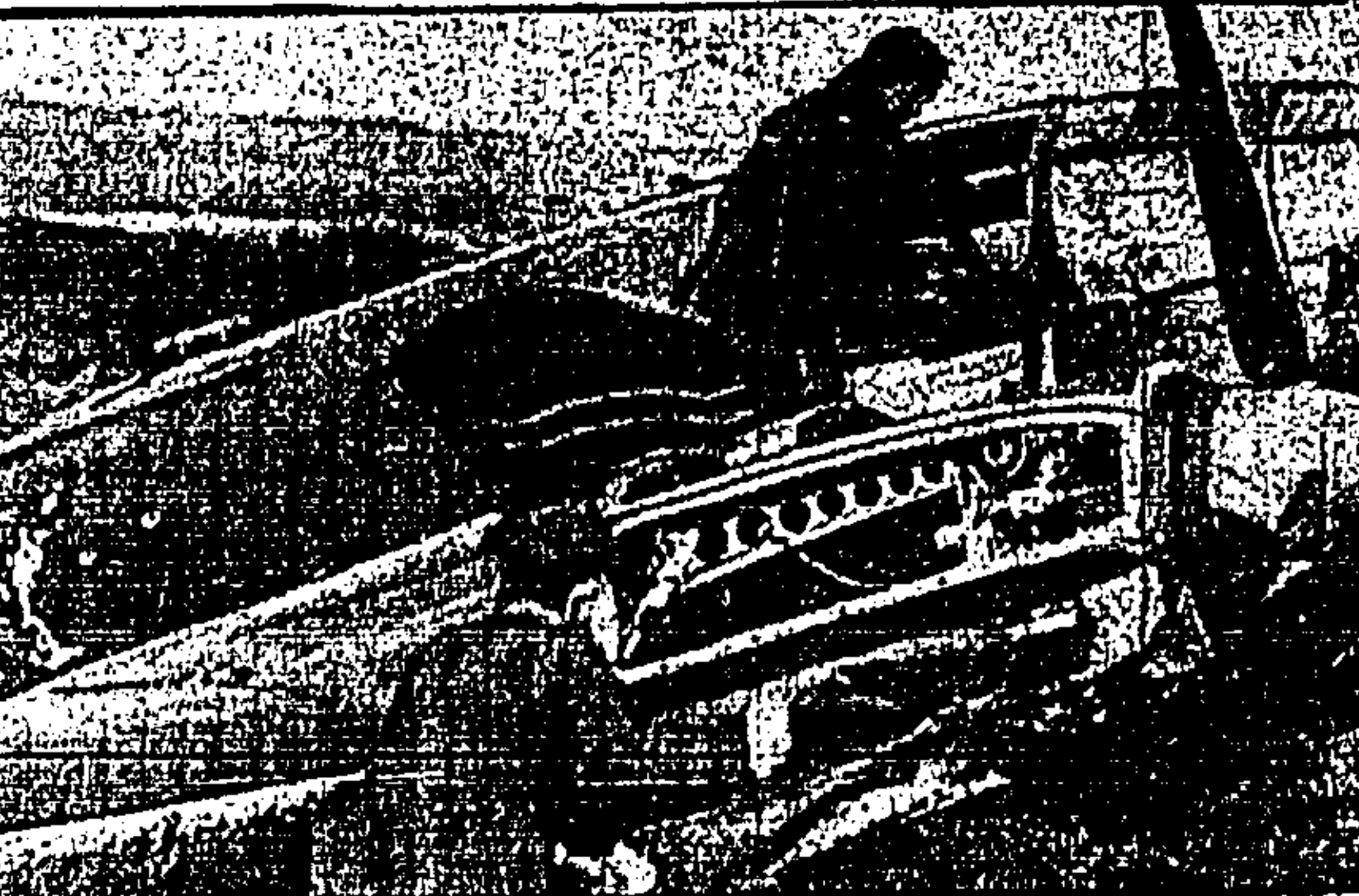
## This One Didn't Get Away

R.A.F. men examine the bullet-riddled wreckage of the German reconnaissance plane forced down in Scotland.

Of the 12 occupants of the machine, two were killed, one wounded and the pilot unhurt.

Hundreds of people saw the British fighters chase the German plane.

The pictures show vividly the terrific fire the Germans endured before coming down.



WESTERN FRONT

## Big Battle Rages Around Strategic Saar Outpost

PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The French claim a victory in an intensive miniature battle which raged throughout the last 24 hours for possession of a small but highly important French outpost in the wooded Saarguemines area.

The Germans opened with a terrific artillery barrage, shelling the post with heavy stuff, and the French troops gave way slowly to the German forces which were following up the barrage.

The German occupation of the post lasted roughly four hours. French artillery for miles round concentrated on the post, compelling the Germans to abandon the position which French infantry later occupied.

Increased patrol activity is noted in the Moselle, the Saar River and the Vosges sectors, and there have been sharp skirmishes in No Man's Land.

## Nazi Planes Challenged

Machine-Gun Fire Off Northeast Coast

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Machine-gun fire was heard in the air off the North-east coast yesterday afternoon.

Some time earlier, two planes, believed to be German, were seen flying high in the vicinity.

A challenge to these machines by R.A.F. fighters apparently explains the firing.

Activity In Baltic

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—It is reported here that German planes have been carrying out reconnaissance flights in the Baltic.

BRITISH BLOCKADE

## RUSSIANS PROTEST

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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (UP).—M. Molotov, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, is protesting against the British blockade of German exports. The Russian protest alleges that it is a violation of International Law and harmful to rights and interests of neutral countries.

M. Molotov asserts that the blockade is "unprecedented in the history of international relations."

The note was handed to the British Embassy in Moscow to-day. It demands compensation for any losses as a result of Russian ships being forcibly brought to British or French control ports and also for losses sustained in foreign trade.

Law Violated?

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Soviet protest against the British and French blockade on German exports declares that the Allied methods of economic warfare violate international law.

Russia reserves the right to claim compensation if State-owned Soviet merchantmen are forced to call at an Allied port, or if the Allied measures otherwise damage Russia's trade.

## RENDEZVOUS WITH RAIDER?

CURACAO, Venezuela, Dec. 10 (UP).—The 500-ton German tanker Nordmoor, which has been sheltering in Curacao Harbour since the outbreak of war, slipped out of port yesterday for an unknown destination.

The tanker was fully loaded with oil.

The German pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer is reported to be off the South American coast.

## NEUTRALS SUFFER

Mines And U-Boats Claim Victims

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 11 (UP).—Neutral shipping was again the chief sufferer from Germany's "pirate" warfare in the Atlantic.

The following is a list of the latest sinkings:

The Estonian freighter Kaasa (1,000 tons), sunk by unknown submarine in the Baltic. Two wounded and one missing.

The French steamer Dinar (525 tons), sunk by enemy action off the south-west coast of England. Crew of 13 saved.

Dutch steamer Immerman, struck a mine and beached on island of Kallandsoog. Crew saved.

Belgian steamer Kabinda (5,182 tons) totally wrecked off the south-east coast. Crew of 22 saved.

British oil-tanker San Alberto (6,357 tons) torpedoed 200 miles off English coast and broke naunder.

Belgian tanker Alexandre standing by to rescue crew.

Swedish steamer Vindor, sunk after explosion presumably caused by

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## AMAZING SUGGESTION IN LONDON REPORT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 10 (DOMEI).—THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE LONDON "OBSERVER," THE CONSERVATIVE SUNDAY MORNING NEWSPAPER, CLAIMS THAT A SECRET PACT EXISTS BETWEEN GERMANY AND SOVIET RUSSIA WHICH HAS AS ITS OBJECTIVE THE PARTITIONING NOT ONLY OF POLAND AND THE BALTIC AND SCANDINAVIAN STATES, BUT OF THE ENTIRE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

The Correspondent says that Great Britain and France are now convinced of the existence of this pact.

The Russian invasion of Finland, the Correspondent says, was made under the terms of the agreement.

Under the pact Russia would acquire: eastern Poland, the Baltic States (Finland, Lithuania, Latvia and

Estonia) and Bessarabia in

Rumania.

Germany would acquire: Belgium, the Netherlands and the oil-fields of Rumania.

"If such an audacious plan does in effect exist, there is no way in which a clash can be avoided between the Allies and Soviet Russia," the Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Observer" concludes.

Russia Allotates World

## SWEDEN PREPARING FOR WORST

Students Demonstrate In Belgium

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Reports from different parts of the world indicate a growing reaction to the Soviet aggression against Finland.

In Sweden, the Chief of the General Staff, General Terno, has been appointed Acting C-in-C. of the Swedish forces, a step only taken in a time of peril.

He said: "In the present time, defence of freedom and the right of self-determination for the Fatherland puts everything else in the background."

Norway Precautions

In Norway, a section of the civilian population, mostly women and children, are moving south from the northern regions.

In Belgium, Students of the Liege University marched through the city carrying banners declaring against the Soviet aggression and Asiatic barbarity.

In the United States, a large American manufacturing concern has turned down a Soviet order worth thousands of pounds for machinery.

Finnish Appeal For Aid

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—An appeal to all nations of the world not to let Finland fight alone was issued by the Finnish Parliament which met to-day.

The appeal declares: "The Finnish people are fighting for independence, liberty and honour. We are defending our religion, homes and all that civilised people consider sacred."

"So far we have been fighting alone against an enemy which invades our territory, although in actual fact it is a question of defending everything that humanity holds most precious."

"We have proved our will to do all we can in this fight."

"Our position as an advance post of western civilisation entitles us to expect active assistance from all civilised nations."

## MUSSOLINI MANS HIS FRONTIERS

Italy To Support Nazi "Peace" Drive?

ROME, Dec. 11. (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini was in consultation last night with his defence chiefs.

It is understood that a reinforcement of Italian forces on all frontiers was decided upon.

Frontier Precautions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Dec. 10 (UP).—Signor Mussolini, in a joint conference, received General Ubaldo S-dau, the new Under Secretary of War; General Monti, Commander of the Army Corps; General Amoroso, head of the Army Engineers and Colonel Fortunato of the Engineering Corps.

They discussed Italy's frontier defences on the mainland and the setting in motion the military machinery necessary to support Italy's Balkan policy, which was announced last Friday.

Later, Il Duce received the Minister of Colonies and the Governor of South Ethiopia and discussed the military situation in Africa, as well as economic and political questions.

Berlin Ready For Peace With Allies?

ROME, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A rumour is circulating in Rome that Il Duce may support the German peace offensive at Geneva.

The rumour suggests that Berlin is now ready to conclude a peace on terms close to the minimum Allied demands, except that the requirement which calls for the establishment of a German Government whose word can be trusted.

No official confirmation is forthcoming.

Warning General

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Dec. 10 (Domei).—Commenting on the Fascist Grand Council PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

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## NAZI RAIDER HALTS SHIP EN ROUTE TO H.K.

Fresh from the hands of her Copenhagen builders, a new Danish ship had an anxious moment on her maiden voyage to the Far East, when a German cruiser commanded her to halt in the North Sea.

However, the incident was peaceful enough. The cruiser signalled asking particulars of cargo, destination etc., and then released the Korea with the signal "Goodbye: Good voyage."

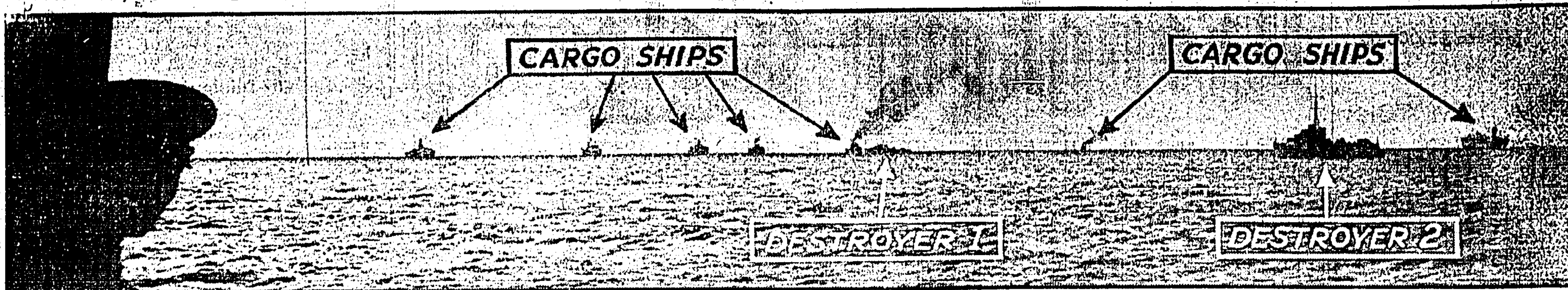
The Norwegian, which is now in port in Hongkong, left Copenhagen on October 4, called at Gotenborg, and was one day out from there at noon on October 8 when the German stopped her. She was stopped once more before she left European waters.

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# THIS SHOWS HOW BRITISH NAVY BRINGS HOME THE BACON



## China's "Scorched Earth" Policy Adopted by Finland

### RED ADVANCE CHECKED BY HEROIC DEFENDERS

MOSCOW, DEC. 10 (REUTERS).—UNINFORMATIVE BULLETINS FROM THE RED ARMY DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS DO NOT INDICATE MUCH PROGRESS IN THE FINNISH CAMPAIGN, WHILE THE GRAPHIC, AND POSSIBLY TOO REVEALING REPORTS OF THE WAR CORRESPONDENTS HAVE LARGELY DISAPPEARED FROM SOVIET NEWSPAPERS.

It is stated that the Finns are laying waste to the country before retreating. They are removing the cattle, destroying all food and setting fire to the villages.

#### FINNS HOLDING THEIR OWN

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—The Finns are continuing to hold their own at all points, judging from latest reports.

Intensified Russian attacks are taking place in Sousussalmi, the narrowest part of Finland, which is often known as the country's "wasp waist."

This drive is with the view to driving through to the Gulf of Bothnia and splitting the country in two.

The Finns have taken all precautions against a Soviet advance in this sector.

#### PETSAO BATTLE

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—People in the Arctic region of Norway and Finland report hearing explosions from Petsamo and the loud roar of artillery from the area south of that port.

This bears out reports that Petsamo was raided by Soviet planes at 11 a.m. and again two hours later, and also confirms Finnish claims that they are still holding the Arctic seaport which they recaptured a week ago.

#### RUSSIANS WELL HELD

The artillery fire is thought to indicate fighting near the nickel mines 30 miles south-west of Petsamo.

This represents a Soviet advance of only ten miles in the past three or four days.

The Russians also claim to have pierced the Mannerheim Line in the Karelian Isthmus.

There is no question that there has been heavy fighting in the area, but the Finns say that the Soviet attacks have been repulsed with heavy loss of tanks, armoured cars and artillery.

#### FINNISH AIR ACTIVITY

Finnish reports state that three Soviet planes have been brought down and that Finnish planes bombed Soviet troops.

Military law in Finland now applies to civilians. A £8,500,000 loan has been authorised.

#### The Finns Enjoy This Joke

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—The Soviets have been claiming that when Soviet troops landed at one of the islands in the Gulf of Finland the inhabitants greeted them with open arms.

Finnish circles in Helsinki smile at this report, pointing out that the "inhabitants" of this particular island consist of four coast-guard and a lighthouse keeper.

The island was bombed and shelled, but the five men escaped to the mainland before a single Soviet soldier set foot on the island.

BERLIN, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Obermergau Passion Play Committee has announced the postponement of the 1940 Play until the end of the war.

THIS IS WHAT YOU WOULD SEE IF YOU WERE TO TRAVEL IN A CONVOY.

The photograph was taken from one of the warships guarding a convoy of merchantmen in the North Sea.

Below is another convoy picture. It shows the anti-aircraft guns of a cruiser manned and ready to repel German bombers.



## Time and Chance Will Beat the German Raiders

### NAVY SEARCH FOR 'NEEDLE IN HAYSTACK' UNDER WAY

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—Presenting the fortnightly review of the war at sea, the B.B.C. naval observer dealt with raiders and mines.

When Germany built her three pocket battleships, she designed them as commerce raiders which could beat off a cruiser and run away from a battleship.

They can steam 20,000 miles without refuelling—almost right round the world.

Discussing the difficulties of finding these ships, he asked listeners how many ships they actually saw on, say a trip from Britain to New Zealand? Very few, he suggested.

#### Sailing Almost Blind

A ship at sea is almost blind, he went on. On a clear day, the horizon is only ten miles away, so that a ship could see for little more than 20 miles around.

At night, visibility was only a couple of miles, for raiders travel without lights.

A ship in those circumstances is rather like a man wandering in a thick mist on the Yorkshire Moors. A ship has only got to be on the other side of the horizon to be invisible.

#### Rawalpindi's Difficulties

In North Atlantic, where the Rawalpindi met her doom, the position is even worse. Gale winds are almost a daily occurrence. There are only about 3½ hours of daylight and for some measure there are fogs, mists, rainstorms and snowstorms.

In such weather, one's quarry can be invisible although she is only a mile or so away.

Nevertheless, the raider does not have it all its own way. It must eventually feed its crew and refuel. It must get supplies as soon as it captures a ship, and it runs the risk of giving away its position.

Recently several German ships left neutral ports, probably intending to supply the raiders.

That does not matter now. They have been either captured or scuttled.

#### Sooner Or Later

Sooner or later too, the raider's speed and steaming performance suffer, particularly in tropical waters where marine growths are prolific.

The machinery, too, develops defects in time, which eventually will need handling in a dockyard.

Hunting raiders may take time, but sooner or later they will get caught. Ships of the British and French navies are after them day and night.

More Frightful Than Effective

Turning to mines, the naval observer said at first the Nazis had a certain amount of success with their magnetic mines.

Yet the blockade is more frightful than effective.

British ports are still open and the mine-sweeping fleet has been strengthened and reorganised to meet the menace.

It will take a little time for counter measures to make the seas safe, but at present at any rate the menace is held in check.

Story Of High Courage

These mine-sweeping boats are chiefly manned by volunteers and fishermen, and as an instance of the remarkable qualities of these men he told the story of a peaceful fishing trawler which was shelled at close range by a U-boat.

The trawler crew launched their boat while shells "whizzed" all around them.

The U-boat, after seeing the small trawler sink, left the crew to their fate in the North Sea.

While it was being launched, the ship's boat had a hole knocked in its side and was in danger of sinking.

The engineer, however, promptly stuck his foot into the hole and the other members of the crew plastered it into place with tallow and grease.

After 22 hours, he kept his foot in one position, for the lives of all depended on him.

They all got ashore safely. "We are still a race of seamen carrying on a high tradition," concluded the commentator.

#### Paralysis Victim In Manila

MANILA, Dec. 10 (UP).—Mr. Alexander P. Reynolds, 26, a civilian employee of the United States Air Force at Nichols Field, died in the Army Hospital to-day of infantile paralysis.

Mr. Reynolds is the third victim of the disease to pass away within the past month.

#### Mosquito Fleet For Caribbean

WASHINGTON, DEC. 10 (Domest).—It is understood that, following the opening of a new naval base in the Caribbean Sea, the United States Navy is organising a mosquito fleet consisting of 23 torpedo-boats and submarines.

## Opposition To Red Aggression Spreads Throughout The World

### RADIO

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E.I.A.R. Symphony Orchestra; Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34 (Rimsky-Korsakov); The Lamoureux Orchestra, Paris; Chanson Indoue ("Sadko")—Rimsky-Korsakov; Amelita Galli-Curi (Soprano); The Gold Cockerell, Wedding March (Rimsky-Korsakov); Lamoureux Orchestra, Paris; Ronde of Farlat ("Russian and Ludmila," Glinka); Aria of the Miller ("Rous-salka"—Dargomizhsky); Serezhko (Moussorgsky), Reginald Foort, at the Organ.

7.15 Sibelius—Symphonic Poem "Night-Ride and Sunrise," Op. 55. B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Talk on "Magnetic Mines."

8.25 Variety with Grace Fields, The Gay Nineties Singers, Max Miller and The Roxy Mountaineers.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Patricia Roseborough and Robinson Cleaver (Rings and Organ). The Bells of St. Mary's. By The Waters of Minnetonka; Bird Songs at Eventide; Parlez-Moi D'Amour, Trece.

9.45 Jack Buchanan and Elsie Randolph in Musical Comedy. 10.15 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

## Empire Unity A Real Fact

### S. African Minister's Declaration

LISBON, Dec. 10 (Reuters).—In an interview here, Col. Denys Reitz, the South African Minister for Native Affairs, said that the unity of the British Empire is a real fact.

They have not a drop of British blood in me, declares that if close we are the better it is for all," he declared.

What Makes Empire Great

They fully realised the necessity of strengthening the ties with Britain and other members of the Commonwealth at a time when imperialist nations were threatening the stability of the world.

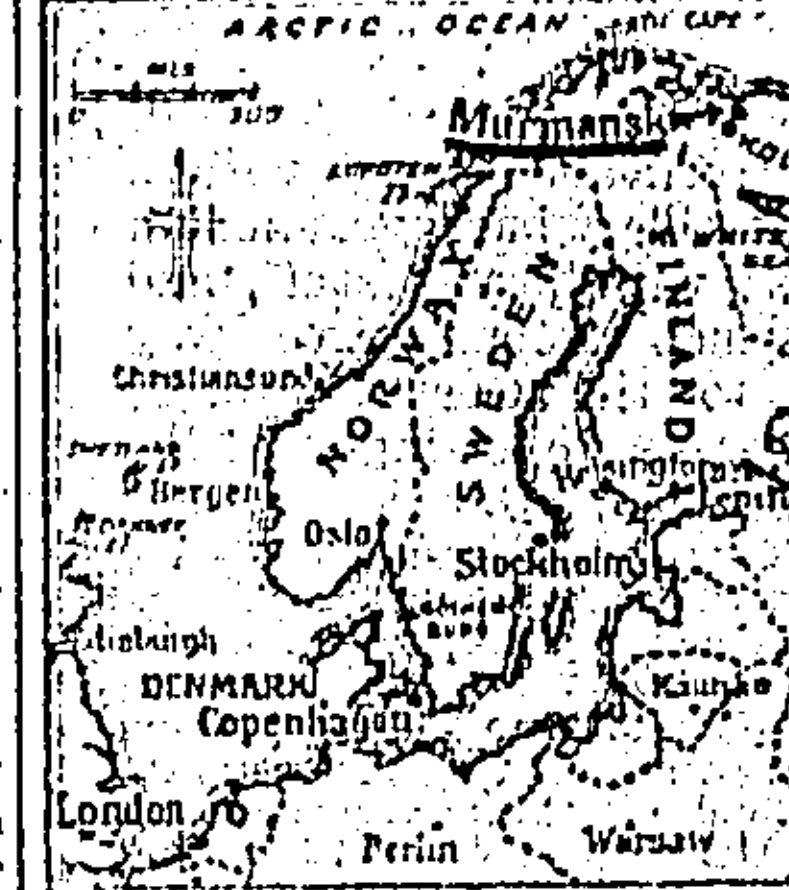
Respect for the independence of States made the greatness of the British Empire.

#### Gaming Offences Prevalent

Because such offences were very difficult to detect and were becoming very prevalent, Det-Sergeant Johnston asked Mr. G. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy to-day to treat seriously, the charges of keeping a gaming house and possession of 34 lottery tickets preferred against Leung Tung, 50.

Leung admitted the charges and was fined \$30 or a month's hard labour.

The Det-Sergeant said 34 pin plu lottery tickets were found in a drawer of a medicine shop in Bowring Street yesterday when that place was raided. They were Macno lottery tickets and were drawn yesterday.



The British steamer Stonegate and the Norwegian steamer Norentz W. Hansen.

The pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer is also believed to be at large. She is thought to have sunk the British steamer Clement, apparently her only victim. Rumour states that the Admiral Scheer is operating in either the South Atlantic or Indian Oceans.

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#### HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

The Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children will be held in the Helena May Institute on Monday, December 11th at 5.30 p.m.

The Meeting is open to all persons interested in the work of the Society.

ANN CROZIER, Hon. General Secretary.

#### NAZI DEBTS

£14,000,000 OWED TO BRITONS

#### German Ships Seized To Pay Debts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 8 (UP).—Banking circles in London state that British creditors are still owed some £14,000,000 by Germans.

They are taking steps to recover a portion of this debt by the seizure and sale of German ships, either those in British hands or those stranded in neutral ports throughout the world.

It is believed that 150 German ships are laid up in neutral ports where they are accumulating harbour charges and wages.

German shipping companies have been doing their utmost to effect the sale of such ships to neutral countries.

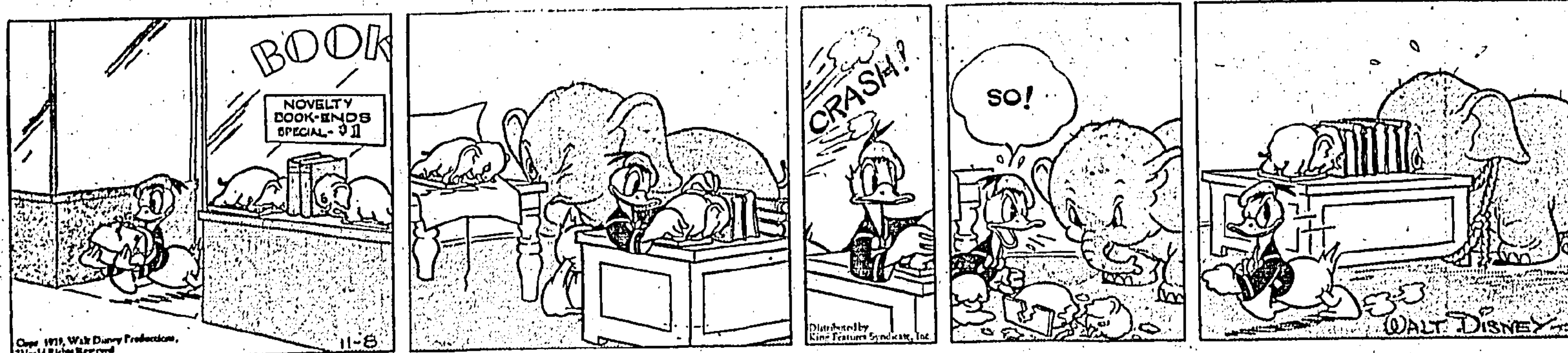
The latter, however, are reported to be slow in making purchases, since Britain has announced that she will not recognise the transfer of any German ship to neutral ownership during the war.

KWEILIN, Dec. 11 (Central).—Six Japanese aircraft staged another raid over Chumchow, in north Kwang near the Hunan border, yesterday. Many bombs were released.



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## Army And Naval Officers Lose Families FAR EAST VICTIMS IN TORPEDOED SHIP

SEVEN women, ten children, including four of one family, and officers and men of the Navy, Army and Air Force were among the passengers lost in the British steamer *Yorkshire* when she was torpedoed en route to England from the Far East.

The casualty list has just been received in Hongkong. It is said to include the name of at least one Hongkong resident, formerly attached to the local naval dockyards.

Thirty-three persons were lost, including in the list are three mothers and their two children and four children of a soldier, and a married couple—an Army officer and his wife.

Nearly all the Services people aboard were returning from India.

The list consists almost entirely of the names of military men, their wives and families, homeward bound from the East.

### Missing Passengers

The following is the list of missing passengers:

Col. W. L. E. Reynolds, M.C., R.A.M.C., Col. H. Cornford, R.A.O.C., Capt. F. W. Beer, Infantry, Squadron-Leader P. Thrupp, R.A.F., Warrent-Officer A. C. Barber, Lance-Corporal A. E. Bone, Infantry, Lance-Corporal W. C. Alloway, R. Amoured Corps, Private J. Brownhill, Infantry, Private W. Bradley, N.A.M.C., Private D. E. Handy, Infantry, Company-Sergeant-Major J. Clements,

Infantry (who died of wounds and was buried at sea).

Chief Yeoman of Signals Jones, R.N.; Petty-Officer Telegraphist Clarke, R.N.; Chief Yeoman of Signals Butlin, R.N.V.R.; Mrs. Wade, wife of Lieut-Colonel E. W. Wade, R.A.M.C., and two daughters; Mrs. Beer, wife of Captain F. W. Beer; four children of Company Sergeant-Major W. Harris, Infantry; Mrs. Armstrong, wife of Company-Sergeant Major H. Armstrong, Infantry, two children.

Mrs. Cole, wife of Sergeant Cole, R.A.; Mrs. Bell, wife of Staff-Sergeant Bell, Military Engineering Service, Indian Army, and two children; Miss Shepley, Miss Edwards, Mr. Harrington and Mr. Brown.

### Relatives' Greeting

The *Yorkshire* was sunk at the same time as the City of Mandalay, an Ellerman Line vessel. She had 278 persons aboard, of which 100 were crew, the survivors, with those of the City of Mandalay, were picked up by the American vessel Independence Hall.

One of the ship's writers said that the *Yorkshire* sank in nine minutes.

### "Gipsy" Casualty List

THIRTY men lost their lives in the destroyer *Gipsy*, mined off the East Coast—a smaller number than was at first feared.

This was announced in an Admiralty communiqué. The full casualty list is as follows:

### OFFICERS

SEVERELY INJURED

LIEUT-COMDR. N. J. CROSSLEY, R.N.

### Slightly Injured

PROBABLEY, LIEUT. J. B. RUGG, R.N.V.R.

MIDSHIPMAN M. A. J. LANDON, R.N.R.

### RATINGS

Died of Injuries

EVERETT, H. C. A.B., D/J.80012

### Missing, Believed Dead

CARTER, H. Ord. Seaman, D/SSX.24000

CALLAN, G. C. A.B., R.F.R., 12117 B.

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## A Look Through The "Telegraph"

### 50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1889.  
Mr. Stanley has arrived at Zanzibar. (This was the expedition in which Stanley explored the Congo—Ed.)

We read that Her Majesty, the Empress Dowager, having expressed a desire to have the photographs of distinguished foreigners who have served China, H. E. Li Hung-chang commissioned Messrs. Salwadel & Co. to reproduce the photo of the late General Gordon. This has been done, and the photographs having been enlarged to about five feet, were sent by the steamer the other morning. One picture represents Gordon in his Engineer's uniform and the other in Chinese dress.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1914.  
It is stated at the Legation that the Russians, under the command of the Bulgarian General Dimitrieff, began the bombardment of the suburbs of Cracow on Sunday.

There is no doubt that the lighting of Kowloon will be materially improved when the new lamps down the centre of Nathan Road are in working order.

### 5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1934.  
At least sixty Italian subjects have been killed and four hundred others wounded in a fierce outpost engagement fought between Italian Somali-land troops and settlers and a furious army of Abyssinian tribesmen.

(This was the encounter upon which Italy subsequently begged the excuse for the invasion of Abyssinia. Walla-lua (Wol Wal) was 60 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier.—Ed.)

SMITH, T. H. Stoker, D/KX.00023.  
TOWNSEND, J. L. Stoker, D/JX.70700.  
TUTTEN, A. H. Chief Stoker, D/KC.57000.  
UREN, W. H. St. P.O., D/JX.77001.  
WASSALLO, J. L. Stoker, D/JX.20020.  
WOOD, D. O.S., D/SSX.22033.  
SERIOUSLY INJURED  
HARPER, C. Signalman, D/JX.130347.  
SLIGHTLY INJURED  
CLAYTON, R. Stoker, R.F.R., 12099 B.  
FLETCHER, H. M. L. Signalman, D/JX.120053  
HALL, G. E.R.A., D/MX.50204.  
HARRISON, C. E. A.B., D/JX.14532.  
LEONARD, W. H. Stoker, R.F.R., 10203 B.  
MITCHELL, E. A. Telegraphist, D/JX.130301.  
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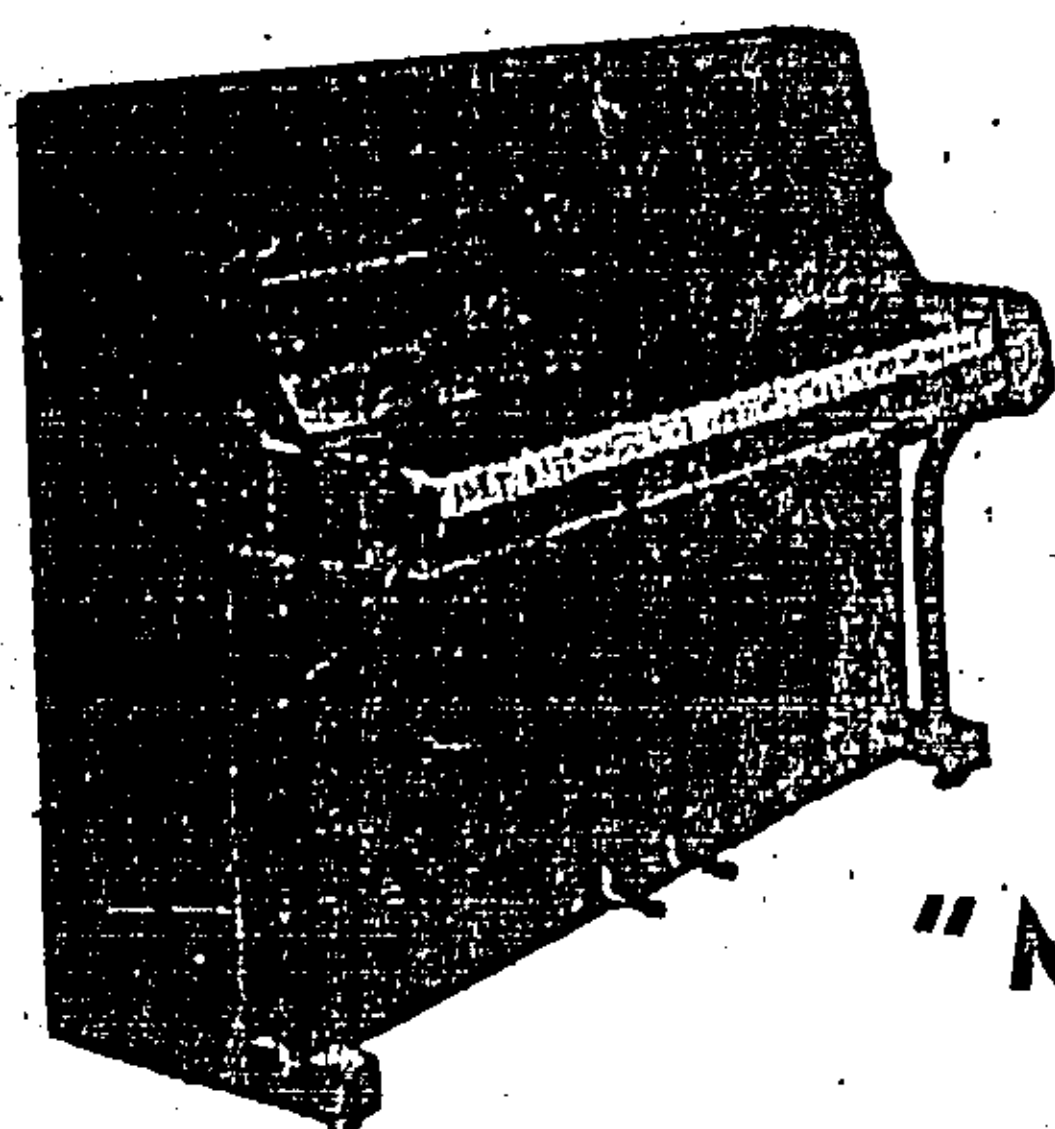
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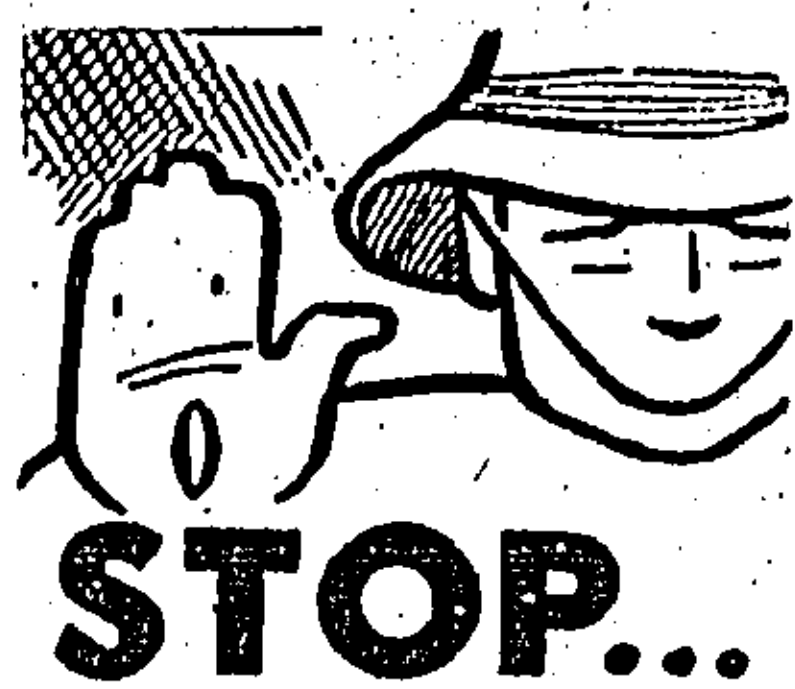
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#### The Neutral Front

To the numerous unusual aspects  
of the war in Europe add the fact  
that it is being fought by neutrals as  
well as by belligerents. Both Russia  
and Italy call themselves neutrals.  
But in the Balkans their interests  
are crystallising into a sharp Russo-  
Italian rivalry.

Each of these States is trying to  
organise a Balkan bloc in which it  
would be the supreme influence.  
The Anglo-French-Turkish pact was  
a temporary setback for Russian in-  
fluence in that this treaty kept the  
door wide for the influence of the  
Western Powers—doors that Stalin  
had tried to close. The pact renewed  
Italian hopes of re-establishing  
Italy's place in the Balkans which  
had been in a large measure lost to  
Germany in the good old Rome-  
Berlin Axis days and was further  
threatened by the re-entry of Russia  
into the international field.

With the signing of the Russo-  
German non-aggression pact, Russia  
showed at once that its new position  
would be used to extend Russian  
influence west and east. Now from  
most of the capitals of Southeastern  
Europe come indications of energetic  
Italian counter-moves to organise a  
Balkan bloc which will face toward  
Rome. Some of the same problems  
which faced Russia and which Russia  
mistakenly attempted to force to  
solution when the Turkish Foreign  
Minister was in Moscow now face  
Italy. One of these is the reconcilia-  
tion of the territorial disputes be-  
tween Rumania and Hungary and  
Bulgaria.

Whether Italy can better handle  
such problems, and whether Turkey,  
usually suspicious of Italian designs,  
will help, are questions whose  
answers depend on the ability of the  
lesser Powers in Europe to appraise  
the common danger which threatens  
them all.

One of the basic political issues in  
the war of 1939 is whether the  
Balkans are to become German  
colonies, or a bloc of independent and  
economically stable states.

"Mein Kampf" makes plain  
enough Herr Hitler's dream of turn-  
ing German energy from overseas  
colonisation—possible only if Ger-  
many controlled the sea or had the  
friendship of those who did—into the  
taking of new lands adjoining Ger-  
many on the East. What has hap-  
pened in Czechoslovakia and Poland  
shows the dream in process of ful-  
filment. And no one who has stud-  
ied the development of National  
Socialism expects the process to stop  
at this stage unless halted by  
external force.

The divisions among the Balkan  
states are so well known that they

## With a North Sea Convoy

WITH a cargo of em-  
pty barrels, health  
salts, tea, and an  
odd half-dozen of other com-  
modities which come under  
the heading of "general," I  
have travelled in convoy  
through the coastal danger  
areas of the North Sea.

I have been shaken from sleep  
by the grating roar of exploding  
depth-charges a mile away, and  
watched from the bridge for  
"unknown aircraft believed to  
be hostile" when our escort  
warned us that they might be  
approaching. The captain of  
the vessel in which I was travel-  
ling described the trip as the  
quietest he had known since the  
beginning of the war.

To live for days with a convoy  
is to achieve a new understand-  
ing of the mechanism which  
ensures, during war-time, that  
the ordinary life of Great Brit-  
ain shall continue with the  
minimum disturbance. It is not  
just a matter of essential food-  
supplies—the "beef, pork and  
mutton, eggs, apples and cheese"  
that Kipling wrote about. Mas-  
field's "dirty British coaster"  
with her firewood, ironware and  
cheap tin trays must be pro-  
tected as well.

#### VIGILANCE OF AIR

#### AND NAVAL ESCORTS

Perhaps "mechanism" is the wrong  
word. It sounds impersonal and  
inevitable and, on board, one has a  
vivid sense of dependence on the  
eyes and ears of certain human  
beings.

In talk with the officers one  
realises that they in turn depend on  
the smooth working of a complex ad-  
ministrative machine, as well as on  
the ceaseless vigilance of the naval  
and air escorts. Each convoy that  
arrives in port is a separate triumph  
of co-operative human effort. On  
the consistent recurrence of these  
triumphs hangs our very existence.

So much emphasis on the dramatic  
importance of the convoy's journey is  
excusable. A happy convoy has no  
drama, and ours was a business trip.  
In truth, it was a drab-looking fleet  
numbered and posted at the port of as-  
sembly somewhere in the south of  
England. On our way we had passed  
half a dozen smart neutrals, publicis-  
ing their immunity in huge letters  
and painted emblems. Our own paint  
and red ensign looked dingy beside  
their gaudy superiority, and we knew  
that once we were in convoy we  
should be shunned by them.

The convoy's plans had already  
been discussed at the conference of  
masters ashore. Each ship knew her  
number and position, but the final  
instructions were given at the an-  
chorage by a fussy little Admiralty  
tug. At the secret sailing-time we  
slipped away to the open sea—a  
company of over a score of vessels.  
Unobtrusively our escort joined us,  
and the voyage had begun.

#### WHEN "THE FELLOW IN FRONT" WANDERS

One of the first qualities required  
of those who sail in convoys is  
patience. The convoy's speed,  
naturally, is restricted to that of its  
slowest member. For days on end  
the faster ships must endure the sort  
of thing which happens to the fast  
sports-car when they get caught up  
in Bank Holiday queues, with there  
is no alternative routes and no op-  
portunities for "cutting in."

"Keeping station," I have been told,  
is often a most difficult problem for  
these sturdy individualist skippers,  
many of whom, until a few weeks  
ago, had had no experience of  
convoys.

Again, as on our arterial roads, it  
is always the fellow in front who is  
wrong. I shall remember with re-  
s-

have given rise to a word—  
"Balkanisation." They have been  
fostered by great powers as France  
fostered divisions among the small  
German states. Diverse and aspiring  
nationalisms preclude any early  
amalgamation. But Balkan destiny  
is in unity; the progress of railways,  
motor cars, airplanes and radio may  
speed that development.

The Balkans offer a potential  
counter-weight to German domina-  
tion of the Continent. Can Britain  
and France promote among them an  
economic and cultural union which  
would make them effective in that  
role? The answer to that question  
should be one of the decisive factors  
in the present war and its aftermath.

by  
**J. E.  
SWELL**

in the London  
"Daily Telegraph"

pectful awe a quiet but passionate  
speech delivered to the night sky by  
our first officer when our predecessor  
slipped out of his place without sig-  
nalling, and either went aground on  
a shoal or anchored, for some reason  
best known to himself.

Trivial as such an incident may  
seem to the landsman, the safety of  
the whole convoy had been jeopar-  
dised.

It is at night that the full strain  
of convoy work is most apparent.  
Voices on the bridge drop to a  
whisper. A masked stern light only  
is permissible, and when visibility is  
poor the task of keeping formation  
is almost insuperable—or would  
seem to be. Actually, when daylight  
broke, it was usually not long before  
the fleet had taken up its correct  
formation again. The mistakes in  
the darkness had been few and small.

#### DEPTH-CHARGES—AT LEAST A MILE AWAY

I sampled the middle watch on the  
bridge and found the eye-strain, even  
without the sense of responsibility,  
considerable. I had gone comfort-  
ably to sleep that early morning,  
when we received our first over-  
warning of the danger from three  
grinding thuds, felt rather than  
heard, awoke the passengers and  
brought them tumbling up on deck  
in various stages of undress. My  
own impression was that the ship had  
been in collision—the rasping shudder  
which she gave suggested impacts  
with some heavy object.

We stood on deck, straining our  
eyes into the blackness, hopelessly  
trying to read its mystery. The cap-  
tain eventually dashed our more  
dramatic speculations. The depth-  
charges, he said, had exploded at  
least a mile away. But it was cer-  
tain that our escorting vessels had  
"got wind of something," and were  
dealing with it in their fashion. What  
that something was we shall prob-  
ably never know, but 40 minutes later,  
when we were wondering whether it  
was worth while going back to bed,  
there was yet another distant ex-  
plosion. Evidently the escorting  
warships were still unsatisfied. No  
more was heard, but I, for one, shall  
believe that a U-boat searching for  
our convoy that night received some  
telling discouragement.

Normally the escort held its set  
stations about us, creeping along at  
our miserably few knots with the  
courteous tolerance of a schoolboy  
conducting his elderly aunt across  
the road. Several times, however, I  
saw them show their speed. They  
would suddenly dash away on an  
errand of their own, sometimes  
steaming through the convoy.

#### CAREFULLY STEAMING ACROSS A MINEFIELD

Perhaps a straggler needed round-  
ing-up, or some indication had been  
received by the detectors which  
warranted further investigation. We  
never heard the results of these  
manoeuvres. News of any kind  
nowadays, at sea, is hard to come  
by. No merchant ship may transmit  
messages except when it is gravely  
necessary, and our smoke-room re-  
ceiving set was disconnected for the  
duration on the first day of war.

There was little communication  
between escort and convoy. What  
there was depended on flags and  
flashes, during daylight only. Our  
wireless cabin received one reminder  
of the U-boat menace—an SOS from  
a ship in the Bay of Biscay, being  
chased and shelled by a submarine.  
That drama, too, remained unfinished  
—we heard no more of her.

Day followed day of patient pro-  
gress. At intervals our escort would  
be supplemented by an aeroplane  
from the shore, skimming at low al-  
titude over the convoy, and then  
flying higher above us.

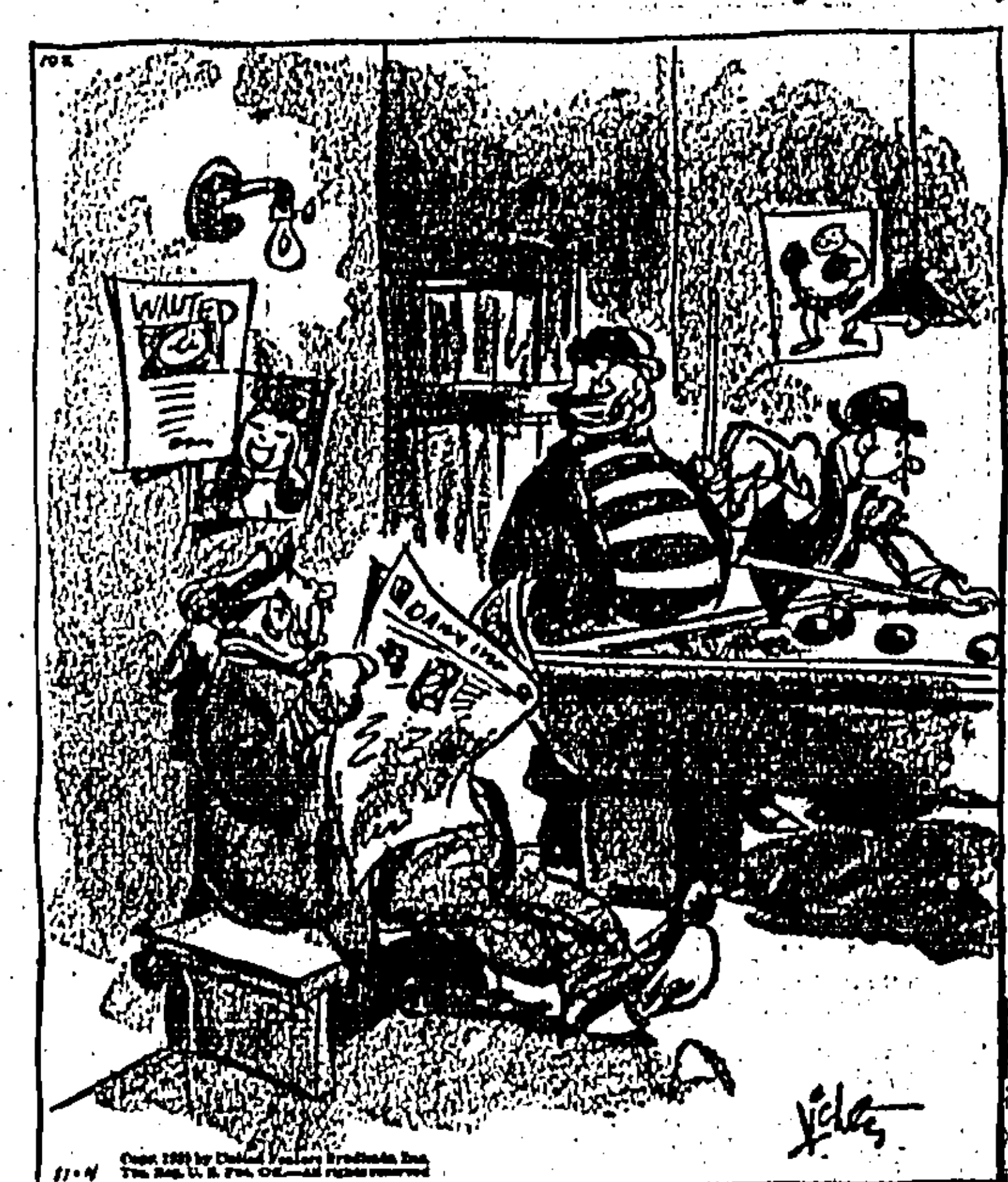
We passed through the carefully  
swept channel of a minefield, and  
watched for drifting mines with the  
naval rating on board, in charge of  
our Lewis gun.

One morning we glimpsed a  
majestic procession of warships  
stealing along the horizon and out  
of sight. On another afternoon, we  
saw the white superstructure and  
buff funnels of the 11,000-ton Danish  
steamer Canada, lying in shallow  
water after an explosion had wrecked  
her.

#### SKIES EMPTY OF ENEMY PLANES

As we steamed northward, into an  
area so far particularly favoured

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I see Slug Pastromi's gone south early this year—it says here  
he's opened the old Plushbilt mansion at Palm Beach."

OF ESPECIAL INTEREST

TO THE PANIC-MONGERS

I prefer  
gas...

by  
**J. B. S. Haldane,  
F.R.S.**

**H**ITLER has promised  
not to use gas, as he  
promised not to bomb  
civilians, and will pre-  
sumably break the promise  
about gas when he wants to, as  
he has broken the other.

I must say that if he drops  
anything in my neighbourhood I  
hope it will be gas. The actual  
casualties caused by gas dropped  
on a British town would be much  
less than by the same weight of  
explosives; but he may hope to  
cause a panic.

I certainly shall not give way to  
panic. On the contrary, I shall be de-  
lighted if I hear the Warden's using  
these tactics.  
People are frightened of gas for  
several reasons. Mainly because they  
don't understand it, and it is more  
mysterious than explosives. Partly  
because it causes frightful casualties  
among unprotected people in the open,  
such as the Canadian troops in France  
in March, 1918, and the Abyssinians  
in 1935.

**B**UT we know what to  
expect, and we have the  
double protection of  
buildings and shelters on the one  
hand and masks on the other.  
Panic-mongers have spread fantastic  
stories about gas. We are told that a  
ton of gas could kill a hundred thou-  
sand people. So it could if they were  
crowded together without respirators  
in a closed space.

In the same way, for all I know, a  
ton of bullets could kill a hundred  
thousand men if each one was shot

with visits from German reconnais-  
sance aircraft, our eyes turned sky-  
ward more often. Sure enough, the  
signal was at last flagged by our es-  
cort, telling us to be on the alert for  
unknown aircraft, believed to be  
hostile.

No passenger went below, unless  
it was to fetch his camera. But the  
skies remained empty, and we were  
forced to conclude, in the end, that  
the raider had either turned back or  
changed his plans.

The voyage ended as unobtrusively  
as it had begun. Our escort left  
us in safe waters, and we proceeded  
—at our own speed at last—to our  
destination. The captain, who had  
spent the greater part of the voyage  
on the bridge, was tired but content-  
ed. It had been a better trip than  
average, he said.

Soon there would be more con-  
ferences of masters, a new course, a  
fresh rendezvous. The hours of un-  
remitting vigilance would begin  
again. In the meantime, the coopers  
and chemists and grocers of Scotland  
would continue to serve their clients.  
In the House of Commons the Minis-  
ter would again be able to reassure  
fretful back-benchers. Supplies and  
distribution are being maintained.

through the heart. But things don't  
happen that way in real life. In May,  
1925, a tank containing 11 tons of  
phosgene, the most poisonous of the  
non-permanent gases, burst in the docks  
of Hamburg. The gas formed a cloud  
which rolled over the suburbs of Ham-  
burg and injured people six miles  
away.

But only ten people were killed, and  
300 taken to hospital, although there  
was no warning and there were no  
respirators.

I don't personally believe that a non-  
persistent, or cloud-forming, gas like  
this will be dropped on British cities.  
I think we may get "mustard gas" or  
Lewisite, which are not gases, but  
liquids whose vapours are poisonous  
when breathed, and which also attack  
the eyes and skin.

**F**ORTUNATELY our re-  
spirators give complete  
protection to the lungs  
and eyes. And though the blisters on  
the skin are painful, they have never  
been known to kill anyone.

In 1918 only one in 43 of the British  
casualties from mustard gas died, all  
from lung injuries, and another one in  
43 was ill for over six months.

Some of the smokes which cause  
smothering will go through civilian res-  
pirators when present in very large  
amounts. They are most unlikely to  
kill you, but they may make you take  
your respirator off. However, that  
won't matter unless there is gas about  
at the same time. This is, however,  
most unlikely.

It is technically very difficult to  
make a combined gas and smoke  
bomb, and our fighters, balloons, and  
guns will certainly stop the Nazis from  
aiming carefully, and first dropping  
gas, and then smoke bombs, in the  
same place.

There are people who speak of new  
and horrible gases which will penetrate  
respirators. I don't believe in such  
things for a moment. Mustard gas was  
first made in 1880, and nothing worse  
had been made by 1918.

But if something still more poisonous  
is made, it will almost certainly be  
stopped by our respirators. The reason  
is simple. The respirators do not stop  
light gases such as the carbon mon-  
oxide in coal-gas.

None of these is very poisonous. The  
lethal concentration of carbon mon-  
oxide is one part in two thousand of  
air, as compared with one in a million  
or so for mustard gas. And all the  
possible light gases have been made.

**T**HE charcoal of our  
respirators stops heavy  
gases regardless of their  
composition. So, as my respirator fits,  
I don't expect anything worse than  
blisters, whatever gas is dropped on me.

But to make us all safe and to avoid  
panic, three other things are needed.  
First of all helmets for all babies left  
in vulnerable areas, and instructions  
for the many adults as possible in how  
to use them. Second, a possibility of  
testing respirators. Some of them  
don't fit and none will last for ever.

Every borough should have a room  
where respirators can be tested at least  
twice a year in an atmosphere of test-  
gas. At least one has such a room  
already. A few leaks would be found  
and corrected.

Finally we want the right sort of  
propaganda. Don't let's pretend that  
a fully gas-proof room can be made in  
every house, or that our respirators  
are ideal.

But let us realise that an ordinary  
room will keep nine-tenths of the  
gas outside, and an ordinary respirator  
nine hundred and ninety-nine thou-  
sandths of what gets into the room.

If these things are done, there will  
be no danger, either of death or pain,  
in the event of a gas raid.



## Remarkable Case Opens At The Supreme Court

## FORGED MORTGAGES OF PROPERTY ARE ALLEGED

PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING A VALUABLE PIECE OF PROPERTY IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WERE BEGUN BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR IN THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING, WHEN AN ACTION SEEKING, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, A DECLARATION THAT THE TWO MORTGAGES IN CONNECTION WITH INLAND LOT NO. 1828 WERE FORGERIES, WAS BROUGHT BY CHAN FUI-HING, CHAN SIK-TIN AND CHAN KWOK-NIN.

## Don't Park Your Car This Way, Or—

CAR DRIVERS who pull across the street in order to park or to pick up or drop passengers are receiving the special attention of the Traffic Department.

"Car drivers are becoming increasingly careless of the regulations about driving on the wrong side of the road," a Traffic official told the "Telegraph" this afternoon.

"We are looking out especially for drivers who cut across the roads and park with their cars facing the wrong direction. Drivers do this even in the busiest streets in the city."

The correct way to approach the other side of the road is to swing the car around in the direction of the traffic, the official pointed out.

## Chinese Offensive Progresses

## JAPANESE SUFFER BIG LOSSES

ACCORDING to a "Central News" message from Loyang this morning, Chinese forces are making steady progress in their Chungtiao Mountain areas in the South Shanai.

Bitter combats are said to be still raging in the Machiamiao sector, north-east of Hsinhsien, where about 3,000 Japanese are stubbornly holding out.

Some 300 Japanese at Tsinghsan-tsun, east of Machiamiao, have been dislodged from their positions. The Chinese are now making a flanking movement to bottle up the enemy in Machiamiao.

The Japanese have suffered heavy casualties on this front in the recent engagements, Chinese sources claim.

General Morito killed

Col. Morito, who commanded the Japanese troops in this sector, is reported to have succumbed to wounds received in one of the battles.

In Anhwei Chinese forces have tightened their siege on Chuanhsiao, an East Anhwei town, and Wankiang, a Central Anhwei city. Several Japanese attempts to break through the Chinese cordon were frustrated during the week-end.

Increasing Chinese activities in the suburbs of Hangchow were reported during the week-end when Japanese barracks and outposts at Kungsheng kiao, Luhsia, Lingping, Shanghai and other points were attacked by Chinese units.

In a daring raid on the night of December 7, Chinese guerrillas broke through the Japanese sentry line on the south-western part of Hangchow and attacked Lingying, Sungmehang and the Chingpo and Wuling gates.

More than 80 Japanese barracks at various points were set on fire, it is claimed.

## Belgian Ship Breaks Up

## Goes Aground Off South-East Coast

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Belgian steamer, Kabinda, 5,000 tons, bound from Pernambuco to Antwerp, went aground on the south-east coast on December 8.

The steamer has now broken her back and has become a complete wreck.

## No Casualties

The crew, numbering 40, with 50 other persons were engaged in dump-

ing cargo into the sea at 1 p.m. today when the ship broke into halves. All were saved, and no one was injured.

## Dutch Ship Mined

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The plaintiffs are represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada. Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, are for Fung Kai-sun, against whom the action is being brought.

The plaintiffs are seeking (1) for a declaration that the two mortgages purported to have been executed by them were forgeries and that they were and are null and void; (2) a declaration that the defendant had no right nor was entitled to the property; (3) rectification by the Registrar of the Land Office;

(4) an account of all rents and profits relating to the property and received by the defendant since he entered into possession; and (5) an injunction against the defendant from collecting or receiving the rents or acting as mortgage of the property.

Mr. Potter said the two mortgages which his clients stated were forgeries, were alleged to have been executed on October 20, 1937 and November 2, 1938, and were purported to be for \$55,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

Defence's Statement

In the statement of defence, there was no allegation of fraud in any shape or form, nor was there any suggestion that the plaintiffs had authorised some other person to sign the deeds. The defence, however, pleaded estoppel and denied that the signatures on the mortgages were forged. They further contended that defendant was entitled to the money which he had paid to the Overseas Bank on a mortgage which the third plaintiff made in 1935. In normal circumstances, said Mr. Potter, the defendant was perfectly entitled to such relief, but his case was that the Overseas Bank mortgage was also a forgery.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said his clients were owners in equal share of Inland Lot No. 1828 on which two houses had been built. One was owned by Chan Fui-hing and the other by Chan Sui-tin and Chan Kwok-nin. The former was formerly occupied by the Kwong Fook Shing firm, and the date of purchase, so far as the first and third plaintiffs were concerned, was on May 30, 1925; the second plaintiff acquired his share on November 29, 1925.

The first plaintiff was a native of Sha Kau Village, Shun Tak District, and had been in business as a grocer in Mauritius for 40 years. He retired in 1929 but prior to that he had visited Hong Kong, including Hong Kong, on four occasions. The last visit before his retirement was in 1924 when he stayed for three years in his village, and during that time he occasionally visited Hong Kong. Whilst in the Colony, he was employed by the Kwong Fook Shing firm, and he was then owned by a clansman of his.

Property Held In Trust

In May, 1925, when he was on one of his occasional visits, it was suggested to him that perhaps it would be a good investment if he purchased Inland Lot No. 1828. He considered the proposition and found it was impossible to purchase the lot by himself as it involved too much money—\$110,000. However, it was eventually agreed that he should buy the property with the third plaintiff, whose father was the original owner. The property was then held in trust for the original owner. This position remained until 1933 when the firm closed down, and the collection of rents as well as the deeds were then entrusted to Chan Fui-hing, who was brother of the third plaintiff.

The first plaintiff went on Counsel to have given in high esteem by his clansmen because he was appointed trustee of the ancestral funds of the village. He would say that from 1929 until the material dates in the action he had visited Hong Kong maybe two or three times a year and sometimes not at all.

The Alleged Forgeries

With regard to the mortgage to the Overseas Bank in May, 1935, which document purported to secure banking facilities for the third plaintiff and which the other two plaintiffs alleged to have been forged, the first plaintiff would say quite frankly that he had no recollection of being in Hong Kong that year. He would also say that there was no reason why he should have pledged his property to guarantee the third plaintiff or any other person in fact he did not prove beyond all possible doubt that the signature on that mortgage was not his.

Dealing with the mortgage alleged to have been made on October 20, 1937, Mr. Potter said he had a large volume of evidence which would prove beyond all possible doubt that the signature on that mortgage was not his.

The mine exploded when it struck the foreshore south-west of Pappa, Takuchow Island which is near Cheung Chau, on Saturday afternoon.

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## This Is The Night King Edward Abdicated

THREE years ago to-day King Edward VIII. abdicated.

As Prince Edward, three years ago at 10 this evening, (6 a.m. H.K.T.) he broadcast his historic farewell speech to the nation from Windsor Castle.

Immediately afterwards he travelled by motor-car to Portsmouth Dockyard, where he embarked in the destroyer Fury, which landed him next day in France.

Until the outbreak of war in September, he never set foot in his native land.

He became Duke of Windsor while on his journey across the Channel.

The Duke of Windsor is now at British C.H.Q. in France.

## OBITUARY

## Prominent Member of I.C.S.

Sir Reginald I. R. Glancy

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The death occurred to-day, at the age of 65, of Sir Reginald Isidore Robert Glancy, adviser to the Secretary of State for India since 1937.

Born in 1874, Sir Reginald was educated at Clifton College and at Christ Church, Oxford.

He entered the Indian Civil Service in 1896, and served on the North-West Frontier from 1899 to 1900. He was Finance Minister of Hyderabad State from 1911 to 1921, and was British Resident at Baroda in 1922.

Becoming President of the Cabinet at Jaipur in 1923, he was agent to the Governor-General in Central India from 1924 to 1929.

He retired from the I.C.S. in 1930 and became Chairman of H.E.H. the Nizam's Railways in the same year. He was a member of the Council of India from 1931 to 1937.

Since 1937, he had been adviser to the Secretary of State for India.

Sir Reginald was made C.I.E. in 1917, K.C.I.E. in 1929 and K.C.S.I. in 1930.

Ex-French Minister

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OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

Prize-Winners At I.R.C. Dance

The following were the prize winners at the Indian R.C. dance on Saturday evening:

Fancy Dress—Ladies, Miss Agnes Leung (Chinese bridal dress); Gentlemen, A. R. Markar (Apache).

Spot Dance—Miss Lucy Sumner. All the prizes were donated by Mr. C. Rahim.

wreak vengeance on them for father's murder. The film relies on melodramatic action; there are no good performances.

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## WIFE OFFERS TO PAWN COAT TO SAVE HUSBAND

The generous action of a wife in offering to pawn her overcoat in order to obtain money with which to redeem a pocket watch with a Hongkong Football Association medallion attached which had been stolen by her husband, called forth comment from Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

To Hang, 32, a medicine salesman, was charged with the theft of the articles from Mr. S. A. L. Rehman, assistant manager of the Channel Trading Company, at his residence in Lockhart Road.

Inspector A. V. Baker said To and Mr. Rehman were friends and during Mr. Rehman's absence, To, who was on a visit to the flat, took the watch and medallion. These he pawned for \$2. To only had a few cents in his possession when he was arrested.

When Mr. Forrest asked To if he could raise \$2.10 to redeem the stolen articles he referred to his wife, who was in Court.

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# MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

## NAVY FORWARDS FAIL AGAINST SOUTH CHINA "B"

### Chinese Defenders Stand Up Well Against A Persistent Attack

(By "Rex")

Despite scoring the first goal and almost completely monopolising the game, Royal Navy failed in their efforts to score further in their First Division League soccer game, allowing South China "B" to run away with the honours by three goals to one.

Both goalkeepers played brilliant games, but Robinson was more often tested. Cheung had an almost easy time throughout. A feature of the game was the rattled manner in which Navy forwards appeared when faced with only Cheung to beat.

Royal Navy were without some of their star players, Hendy and Honeywell being on the injured list, while Middleton and Coles have left the Colony. Kellow came in for Honeywell at left-back, O'Regan taking the pivot position with Hazzard, their first reserve, at centre-forward. Britt came in for Coles in the left half position and Wotten was initiated to the left-wing position for Middleton. South China "B" had two changes, Tam Chun-fai deposing Lau Wai-pui at left-half and Cheung Moon-wing came in for Luk Yat-hung, at left-wing, both being on the injured list. Chan Tak-fai came off the injured list to occupy the centre-forward position.

For the Navy, Thorburn played an exceptionally good game, but his efforts proving unavailing towards the end he somewhat marred play by being a trifle selfish. Wotten had not the speed and dash of Middleton and above all, the latter's deadly accuracy in front of goal. Hazzard played a better game at centre-forward than at centre-half, from which position he changed with O'Regan, in the second half. Allison was the most dangerous of the forwards and he combined splendidly with Phippen to form the only Navy menace in attack.

#### KELLOW SHAKY

LAYHE WAS THE choice of the halves, clearing and blocking nicely. Britt was good, while O'Regan was good in patches, his passes being faulty. Roughly stood head and shoulders above Kellow, who was very shaky. Robinson was his usual superb self.

For the Chinese, Chan Tak-fai was seen to great advantage, his dashes, positioning, and clean passes stamping him as one of the finest centre-forwards in the Colony at the moment. Cheung played a good game on the left-wing, being speedy

and centring beautifully. He was the counter part of Yeung, who was continually cutting in and thus unbalancing the forward line. The inside men, Yeung and Tam played a feeding game to Chan and practically ignored the wing men, who were depending on the halves to send them off.

Lam Tak-po was the pick of the half-back line. He was given good support by his wing halves, Yau Wah-hing having the edge on Tam Chun-fai. Hau was easily the better of the two backs, kicking stronger, and with hardly a fault.

#### SAILORS' APPALLING SHOOTING

NAVY ATTACKED FROM the whistle and penned South China "B" in their own area. Their appalling shooting, however, was brought into sharp relief. Thorburn then Allison shooting yards off the mark and passing weakly when well positioned. Taking the Navy defence on the nap, Yeung tested Robinson with a fine shot. Navy showed a tendency to play Hazzard with pass after pass and in such rapid succession that he almost tied himself up in knots trying to make something out of them. In one of

## CLUB BEAT NAVY IN RUGBY TOURNAMENT

### Superb Kicking By Paul Fails To Save Sailors From 19-13 Defeat

(By "Fly-half")

THE ROYAL NAVY, fielding a team much below the strength of their regular T. T. teams, on Saturday on their own ground put up a stiff resistance to Club's superiority. Although they did not once penetrate Club's defence they never gave up trying.

They were very forceful towards the later stages of the first half, when Paul by his superb kicking had reduced their deficit to one point and had thus placed his team in an unexpectedly advantageous position, for bringing off a Navy win.

It was not to be however, for Club went further ahead just after the restart through a try by Stewart, which was again added to when Charter got over for a try which was converted by Castleton, before Navy gained other points.

Club's win by 19 pts. (two goals two tries and a penalty goal) to 13 pts. (three penalty goals and dropped goal) would appear to place them in a strong position for the winning of the tournament. Navy's good form on Saturday, makes a possibility of a Navy victory over Army next Saturday more probable.

Club's display was very sound, with field weaknesses apparent. Their defence work was good, high tackling being practically non-existent. Bidwell was again on top of his form, with his touch kicking proving invaluable for his side in defence, and his backing up and strong running singling him out as the best attacking threequarter on the field.

In the movement which led up to his try he handled the ball three times. From a scrum the ball went out from Charter to Bidwell—Bidwell to Hutchison—Hutchison to Bidwell, who had nipped quickly round behind Hutchison to accept the pass with the ball still going away from the scrum—Bidwell's kick was just one man over. Stewart carried the ball down the touch line to draw Bax, the full back, and then pass in to Bidwell who scored.

Stewart and Bosanquet were two powerful wing threequarters. Hutchison's handling once more occasioned a break through, however, more than redeemed this fault of his.

#### HALVES WORK WELL

CLUB'S HALVES worked well together. Charter did exceptionally well at stand off half, where, not only did he feed his threequarters well, but also indulged in some successful movements on his own. One of them resulting in a try.

Thomson at full back, was shaky in his fielding of high balls, although he dealt confidently with low ones; his awkwardly bounced his way. His tackling and kicking was faultless. All over he had very little to do.

#### NAVY'S BEST

PAUL was Navy's best threequarter, although he did not have the same measure of success in his attempts to break clean through as Bowden on the wing outside to him. The former generally found the Club players upon him as soon as he obtained possession. In defence, he worked hard, and was not content with watching his own opposite, but covered up his other threequarters when possible. Bowden was a nippy threequarter who went fast off his mark, and took advantage of his short stature and sheer speed to slip the clutches of his opposites. He was definitely a success.

Tears began well and had success when he delayed his passes in such a manner as to draw Stewart, on Club's wing, and give Kennedy. Navy's right wing threequarter, more room in which to move. He was seen in very few movements in the second half. Kennedy found Stewart to big an obstacle in attack, and had difficulty in holding him in defence. Bax appeared to lie too far behind his threequarters, with the result that Club players, who stumbled through Navy threequarters, had time to recover before being confronted by the full back.

#### IN LIVELY MOOD

CLARKE was in a lively mood at scrum half for Navy, and it was a pity that O'Riordan, at stand off half, rendered practically ineffective the former's good play. The stand off seemed to be playing out of position, and was a definite weak link in the Navy-back division.

Up forward the play was practically even with Navy offsetting their advantage in the loose against Club's superiority in the tight scrums. Navy were best served by Taylor, Barlow, Gale and Brown, until he received a nasty cut on his eyelid in the second half. Needham, Walkden and Castleton did sterling work for Club.

#### THE PLAY

IN THE FIRST quarter an hour of play Club went ahead, when Castleton kicked a penalty goal, from a



Hau Yung-sang holding off a Navy forward while Cheung Wing-chol effects a full length save in the Navy-South China "B" match at Causeway Bay yesterday. The Chinese team won by 3-1.—Ming Yuen.

## Societies' Bowls Won By St. Andrew's

In the annual bowls match between St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies, played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday, the latter won by 168 shots to 147.

In the annual bowls match between St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies, played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Saturday, the latter won by 21 shots.

The scores were: V. C. Labrum (St. George's), H.E. The Governor, J. Deakin, and J. K. Bousfield (skip) beat A. S. Russell (St. Andrew's), Sir Atholl MacGregor, W. Macfarlane and Dr. G. Black (skip) 24-18.

J. S. Howell (St. George's), J. Watson, T. E. Robson and B. W. Brindbury (skip) lost to R. Main, (St. Andrew's), A. C. Milne, J. Fraser and R. C. Wallace (skip), 14-10.

G. T. Padgett (St. George's), G. Thompson, S. Eccleshall and A. W. Grimnutt (skip) lost to W. Melrose (St. Andrew's), C. B. Robertson, J. Kempton and J. C. Chalmers (skip), 11-28.

R. P. Phillips (St. George's), V. Walker, S. Randle and F. Goodwin (skip) beat J. S. Logan (St. Andrew's), M. Ferguson, D. Munro and S. Gray (skip), 41-15.

P. S. Cassidy (St. George's), Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, S. M. White and J. G. Meyer (skip) beat A. M. Calman (St. Andrew's), R. P. Shaw, W. S. Dall and J. C. Brown (skip), 10-17.

B. D. Evans (St. George's), Hon. Mr. Justice Lindsell, E. V. Searle and J. Hollidge (skip) beat W. McLeod (St. Andrew's), J. Russell, A. Macfarlane and A. Holland (skip), 22-10.

D. E. Maughan (St. George's), Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, D. W. Water-ton and W. S. Drake (skip) lost to W. W. Walker (St. Andrew's), W. Houston, R. G. Craig and R. Duncan (skip), 11-21.

W. A. Cornell (St. George's), L. de Rome, T. Armstrong and A. E. Carey (skip) beat W. S. Glendinning (St. Andrew's), J. S. Riddell, W. Mair and J. C. S. Fender (skip), 20-10.

### Rifle Shooting Programme Amended

December's programme of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be as follows and not as previously announced.

Wednesday, December 13 at 1.15 p.m.—N.R.A. Overseas Postal Team Match and spoon and practice shoot. (300, 600 and 900 yards).

Sunday, December 17 at 8.45 a.m.—A programme to be arranged by the H.K. Police Reserve, which will be announced later.

Wednesday, December 20 at 1.45 p.m.—Spoon and Practice Shoot. (200, 600 and 900 yards).

First Round of "Bellis Shield" to be completed.

### Colony Marksman For Overseas Postal Match

The following have been chosen to fire in the National Rifle Association Overseas Postal Match on Wednesday at Kowloon:—Lt. A. J. F. Scullion (Engineers), Sgt. Russell (Police), C. Sgt. Hale (Middlesex), Pte. E. M. Cooney (Middlesex), Sgt. Heap (Marines) (R.M.C.).

#### HOW TEAMS FARED

##### FIRST DIVISION

Navy	1 S. China "B"	3
S. China "A"	3 Kwong Wah	0
Police	3 Club	2
St. Joseph's	2 Kowloon	3
Eastern	4 Middlesex	4

##### SECOND DIVISION "A"

Eastern	2 R.A.O.C.	2
8th R.A.	4 Club	1
30th R.A.	2 Kit Chee	0

##### SECOND DIVISION "B"

Police	0 Engineers	10
R. Scots	1 Kowloon	1
Signals	1 Kwong Wah	2

##### THIRD DIVISION

Signals	3 Engineers	0
R.A.M.C.	2 South China	1
International	1 R.A.S.C.	5
12th R.A.	5 Kumaons	0
24th R.A.	3 R. Scots	2

##### WOTTEN'S MISSED OPPORTUNITY

NAVY RETURNED to the attack and Phippen shot out of the ground. A free kick was given for back charging against Yau, and Britt kicked to Wotten, who spoiled their only chance of equalising when he dalled too long in the goalmouth. Navy's shooting then fell to pieces and although their approach work was far superior to any the Chinese showed, they just could not place the ball between the sticks.

South China's third and last goal resulted from a misunderstanding between Britt and Kellow. Yeung received to cut in and was challenged by Kellow, who stopped abruptly when Yeung made to averse out again. Britt from a standing start, was too late to stop Yeung, who passed him with feet to spare and sent in a hard shot which Kellow got his boot to but deflected into his own net.

Robinson: Roughly, Kellow, Layhe, O'Regan, Britt, Phippen, Allison, Hazzard, Thorburn and Wotten.

South China: "B"—Cheung, Wing-chol, Hau Yung-sang, Yuen She, Yau Wah-hing, Lam Tak-po, Tam Chun-fai, Yeung Shui-yick, Yung Kon-po, Chan Tak-fai, Tam Chiu-kham and Cheung Moon-wing.

### Bobby Riggs Marries

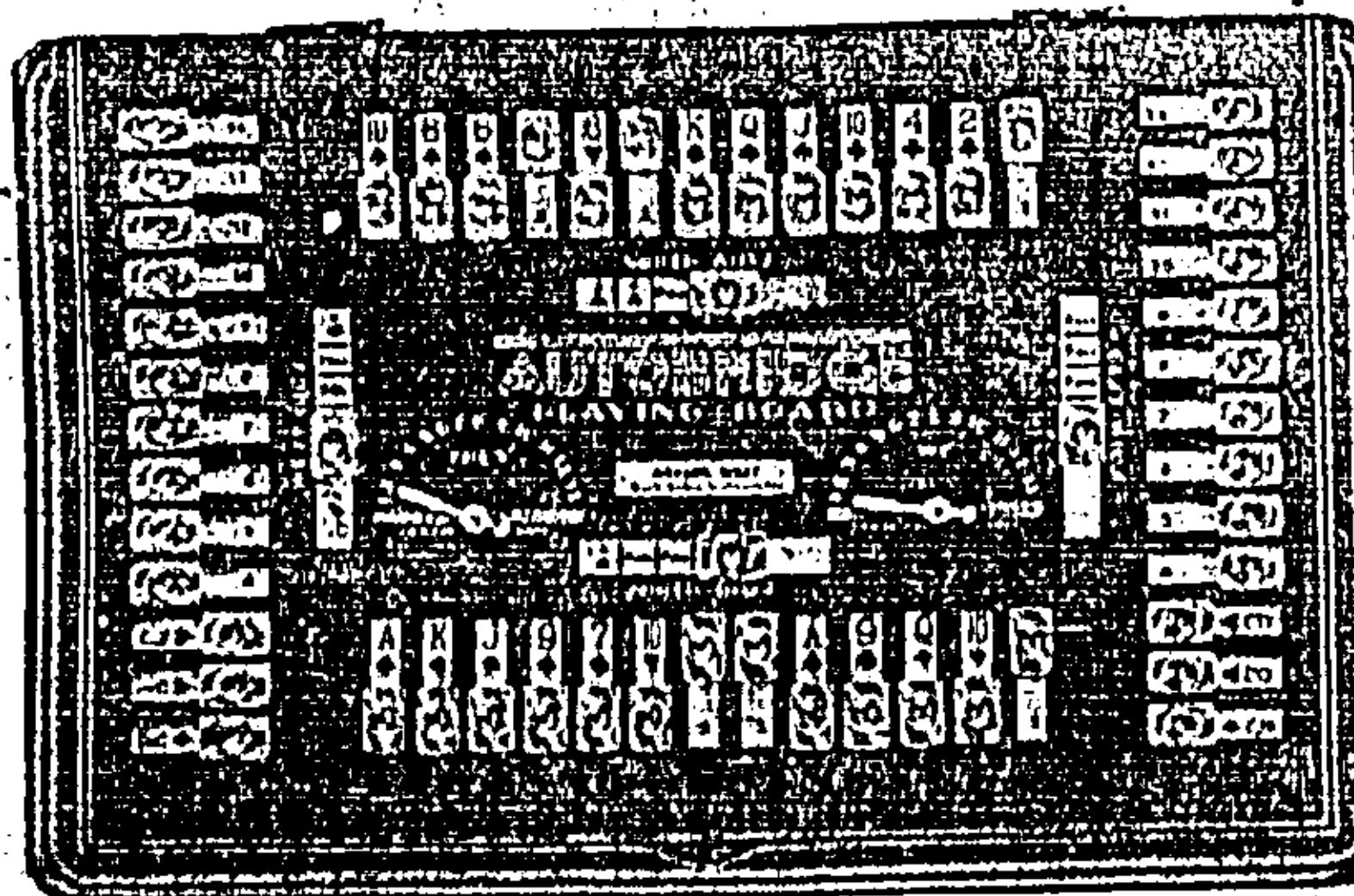
Chicago, Dec. 10. The famous tennis player, R. L. Riggs, has married Miss Catherine Anne Fisher, of Chicago.—Reuter Special

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## SPORT ADVTS

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPLY VALE on SATURDAY, 16th December, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Baileys admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure, and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920)

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. D. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1939.



## Prison For Snatchers

### Youths Apprehended

With three previous convictions against him, Yu Wan 17, unemployed was today sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate for theft of a handbag valued with its contents at \$120, as well as three cheques worth £17.

The bag was snatched from Chan Yau-nin, a married woman as she was walking in Nathan Road near Soy Street at 9.45 p.m. yesterday. Defendant ran away but on the alarm being raised he was chased and arrested.

Tau Chiu, aged 17 was sentenced to two months' hard labour for a similar offence. Tau had no previous convictions and was told by Mr. Macfadyen that if he had been older the sentence would have been heavier. Tau admitted snatching the handbag from Wong Fan-lan, 23, a married woman, who was walking in Nathan Road near Hamilton Street at 10.30 p.m. on Saturday.

## STILL NOT DISLODGED

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midnight admits that the Red Army has made further advances after severe fighting in Lake Ladoga and the Isthmus sector.

Ground was given at several points, says the communiqué, though most of the Russian attacks were repulsed. Disastrous losses were inflicted on the Russians by the Finnish air force, rejuvenated by the arrival of Italian planes (and it is believed, tanks and armoured cars) was practically destroyed, forestalling an attack on another part of the Mannerheim Line.

### Moscow Claims Refuted

Moscow's continued claims to have smashed through the Mannerheim Line are again contradicted in Helsinki.

The Soviet air force has been alive with the improving weather, and the Imperial Finnish part of Hangoo was heavily bombed on two occasions yesterday.

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## GANDHI OPPOSED

### Moslem League Leader Condoms Proposal

NEW DELHI, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—In an interview with "Reuter" Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Moslem League, condemned Gandhi's proposal for a Constitutional Assembly.

Mr. Jinnah reiterated his willingness to give every assistance towards obtaining an honourable solution of the Hindu-Moslem question, but the proposed Assembly would, at best, be a "Hindu caucus" managed by the "Hindu caucus."

## Rice Price Soars In Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—The Shanghai Municipal Council is concerned about the sharp rise in the rice prices during the last few days, a Shanghai report states.

Mr. T. K. Ho, deputy secretary of the Council, has fixed the maximum price at \$45 per picul following a consultation with the rice market. Merchants attempting to sell rice above this price are liable to punishment.

The rice price soared as high as \$40 per picul on Saturday. Prices of other commodities in Shanghai have been stable recently. As a result, employees of various firms are asking increases in their salaries in order to meet the high cost of living. Those of the Sincere and Sun Companies staged a go-slow strike yesterday as their demands were rejected by their employers.

## Carried Out Of Dock

### Youth Who Protested His Innocence

Strenuously protesting his innocence after being convicted for snatching a pair of earrings from a woman in a lane behind Tam Kung Road on Saturday, Li Chun, 23, had to be carried out of the dock down to the cells at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

Li said he saw a lot of people running, and he followed to see what was happening, but two witnesses, Sergeant McDermott, and Constable Chow K. said they saw defendant being chased by complainant, Tang Ying. They did not see anybody else running.

The earrings, valued at \$13, were not recovered. Mr. Himsforth sentenced Li to six months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The customary Saturday feeling pervaded the market, and business recorded, beyond a line of Hotels and another of Docks was on the small side.

**Buyers**  
H.K. Bank \$1,330  
Bank of East Asia \$71  
Union Ins. \$395  
Doughlases \$71  
Docks \$10  
Providents \$4.30  
Rauha \$10.4  
H. and S. Hotels \$4.05  
Lands \$33  
Humphreys \$7.65  
Realties \$4.30  
Chinese Estates \$100  
Tramways \$10.3  
Yau-mat \$23.4  
China Lights (Old) \$7.70  
Electric \$51.4  
Sandakan Lights \$11.4  
Telephone (Old) \$8  
Telephone (New) \$8  
Cements \$15.35  
Ropes \$5.20  
Dairy Farms (Old) \$20.4  
Dairy Farms (New) \$19.2  
Watsons \$8.35  
Entertainments \$6.30  
Constructions \$1.4  
Sellers  
H.K. Bank \$1,350  
Canton Ins. \$220  
Providents \$4.40  
H. and S. Hotels \$4.07  
Dairy Farms (Old) \$20.40  
Manilla Gold Shares

**Sales**  
Atank... 15.4  
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Bagulo Gold... 10.10  
Batong Buhay... 10.10  
Benguet Consol... 10.10  
Big Wedge... 21.4  
Coco Grove... 17  
Consol. Mines... 0.03  
Demonstrations... 0.03  
East Mindanao... 0.03  
I. X. L... 41  
Ipo Gold... 14  
Itogons... 27.4  
Mambulo... 02  
Mambulo... 02  
Mind. Motherlode... 0.03  
Mine Operation... 10  
North Camarines... 10.4  
Paracale Gummaus... 18.4  
San Mauricio ex. div... 17  
Surgico Con... 17  
Suyoc Con... 13.4  
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## Exchange At A Glance

### SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	320
T.T. Singapore	320
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	102 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	48 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	170 1/2

### BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P	od. 1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	125
4 m/s France	125
30 d/s India	0.04
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.01 1/4

## JAPANESE ROB, FIRE JUNK

Forty-six piculs of wolfram ore valued at \$11,580 were taken away by a Japanese destroyer from a junk off Ah Chau Choi on December 1.

The cargo was removed by the Japanese who set fire to the craft. Liu the writer of the junk said he and his crew later managed to extinguish the fire and set sail for Hongkong.

The junk was damaged to the extent of \$4,000.

## Won't Sail Under Panama Flag

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—The Maritime Commission announces that the United States' Line has withdrawn its application for the transfer of nine of its ships to the Panamanian flag.

The Company indicated that it would file another application seeking approval of the transfer of the registry of eight vessels, which have been tied up since the Neutrality Act was promulgated, to some other registry.

## American Mail Liner Re-named

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SEATTLE, Dec. 10 (UP).—The steamer President Quezon, formerly the American Mail Line's President Madison, under the command of Captain J. C. Onrubia, is enroute to Vancouver, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hongkong and Manila with general cargo.

This is the vessel's maiden voyage for the Philippines' Mail Line.

## British Pilots For Weichow Island

Accompanied by Commander Honda of the Japanese Navy and his interpreter, the Imperial Airways pilot, Capt. J. Wilson and a First Officer, left by steamer to-day for the Japanese-occupied Weichow Island to fly back the repaired plane Dardanus.

They are proceeding to Weichow via Hainan by a Japanese vessel.

## No Papal Appeal For Armistice

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 3 (UP).—Authoritative quarters deny that the Holy See had asked for a Christmas armistice on fighting.

They point out that such a request is not urgent in view of the relative calm on the western front, while it would be meaningless at sea because of floating mines.

## TROOPS NOT LEAVING

Rumours that two battalions of British troops are leaving the Hongkong Garrison for England at the end of this month and that they will be replaced by Australian troops were denied by the Army spokesman this morning.

"We have no news of British troops leaving Hongkong as yet," he said.

## Japanese Monoplane Hops Off

BANGKOK, Dec. 11 (Dome).—Concluding its fortnight programme in Thailand, the Japanese monoplane "Yamato" hopped off from here at 8.5 a.m. en route home via Hanoi.

## Bronze Statue Of Late Marshal

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—Chinese circles in Shanghai are planning to erect a bronze statue to perpetuate the memory of the late Marshal Wu Pei-fu, according to a Shanghai report. Funds for this purpose are now being collected by the various newspaper offices.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

### BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,330 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£82 1/2 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£84 1/2 n.
Chartered	49 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	29 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. E.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	71 b.

### INSURANCES

Canton	220 a.
Union	300 b.
China Underwriter	14 n.
H.K. Fire	100 n.

### SHIPPING

Douglases	71 b.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China, P.S.	70 b.
Indo-China, D.S.	40 b.
Shells (Bearers) s/-	70/4 1/2 n.
Waterboats	8.10 n.

### DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	101 1/2 n.
Docks	10.10 n.
Providents	4.35 sa.
New Eng. Sh.	17.00 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	105 n.

### MINING

Kallan s/-	17/6 n.
Rauha	10 1/2 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 cts. n.

### LANDS

Hotels	4.87 1/2 sa.
Lands	33 b.
Lands 4% Deb.	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	10.80 n.
Humphreys	7 1/2 n.
H.K. Realities	4.30 n.
Chinese Estates	100 b.

### UTILITIES

Trams	10 1/2 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	65 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 b.
China Lights (old)	7.65 b.
China Lights (new)	4.75 b.
H.K. Electric	5 1/2 b.
Macao Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 b.
Telephones (old)	24 b.
Telephones (new)	8 b.
Tractions s/-	10/3 n.
Tractions (P.U.S.) s/-	18/9 n.

### INDUSTRIES

Cold Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$14 n.
Cold Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$13 n.
Canton Ice	\$1.75 a.
Cements	15.75 a.
H.K. Ropes	5.20 b.

### STORES, &c.

Dairy Farm (old)	\$20.50 b.
Dairy Farm (new)	\$19 1/2 b.
Watsons	\$8.35 b.
Lane, Crawfords	\$7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	\$1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	\$1 n.

### COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh.	\$25.80 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. ex. div.	\$162 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh.	\$42 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	\$48 1/2 n.
H.K. Entertainments	\$6.35 b.
Constructions (old)	\$1.75 b.
Constructions (new)	\$1 n.
Vibro Piling	\$8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	
G. Bonds	47 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	100 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	87 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	14/9 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/ n.

## CHINA WILL NOT VOTE AT GENEVA

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right to expect active help from other civilised nations."

Marshal Mannerheim has issued a decree extending military law to the civilians in the western and northern provinces.

Meanwhile, the Diet has authorised a loan of \$34,000,000 for defence purposes. The Speaker of the Diet, Mr. Vincke, has also issued a proclamation to the Army: "Show such courage and efficiency that faith in ultimate victory is even stronger."

### U.S. Credit For Finland

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has announced that it is granting \$10,000,000 credit to Finland for the purchase of military supplies and other civilian supplies.

Similar credits to Norway are under consideration.

## NAZI RAIDER HALTS SHIP EN ROUTE TO H.K.

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when she was subjected to Contraband Control examination at Downs, Dover; but this time she could feel more sure of a friendly welcome ship was delayed for only two hours.

As they must necessarily run the gauntlet of mines and destroyers from their home port of Copenhagen, these Norwegian ships face a nervous hazardous assignment on their maiden voyage, whatever may be their subsequent itinerary.

The steamer is commanded by Captain A. Rasmussen, lately of the Europa, on the Denmark-American West Coast run, and formerly of the Far Eastern service. Chief Officer S. Ouel and Chief Steward, F. Christensen, who were with a sister ship on her maiden voyage, are included in the personnel.

The new ship is a motor vessel with an overall length of 810 ft., moulded breadth of 65 ft., gross tonnage of 9,945 tons, and deadweight of 12,360 tons. She has a storage capacity of 712,000 cubic feet and a grain cargo capacity of 784,350 cubic feet, and additional refrigerating cargo space of 1,495 cubic feet.

Built to Lloyd's 100 per cent A1 classification, she has a loaded speed of 15 miles an hour with engines of 11,000 horsepower.

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents for 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

### OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

### INWARD MAILS

Straits	Dec. 11
Straits and Manila	Dec. 11
Java and Shanghai	Dec. 12
Shanghai	Dec. 12
Straits	Dec. 12
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 6th December.	Dec. 13

### INWARD MAILS

Canton	Dec. 13
Halong and Fort Bayard	Dec. 13
Straits	Dec. 13
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 6th December.	Dec. 14

### INWARD MAILS

Canton	Dec. 14
Japan	Dec. 14
Japan and Shanghai	Dec. 14
Manila	Dec. 14
Shanghai and Amoy	Dec. 14
Straits	Dec. 14
Shanghai	Dec. 14
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 19th November)	Dec. 15

### INWARD MAILS

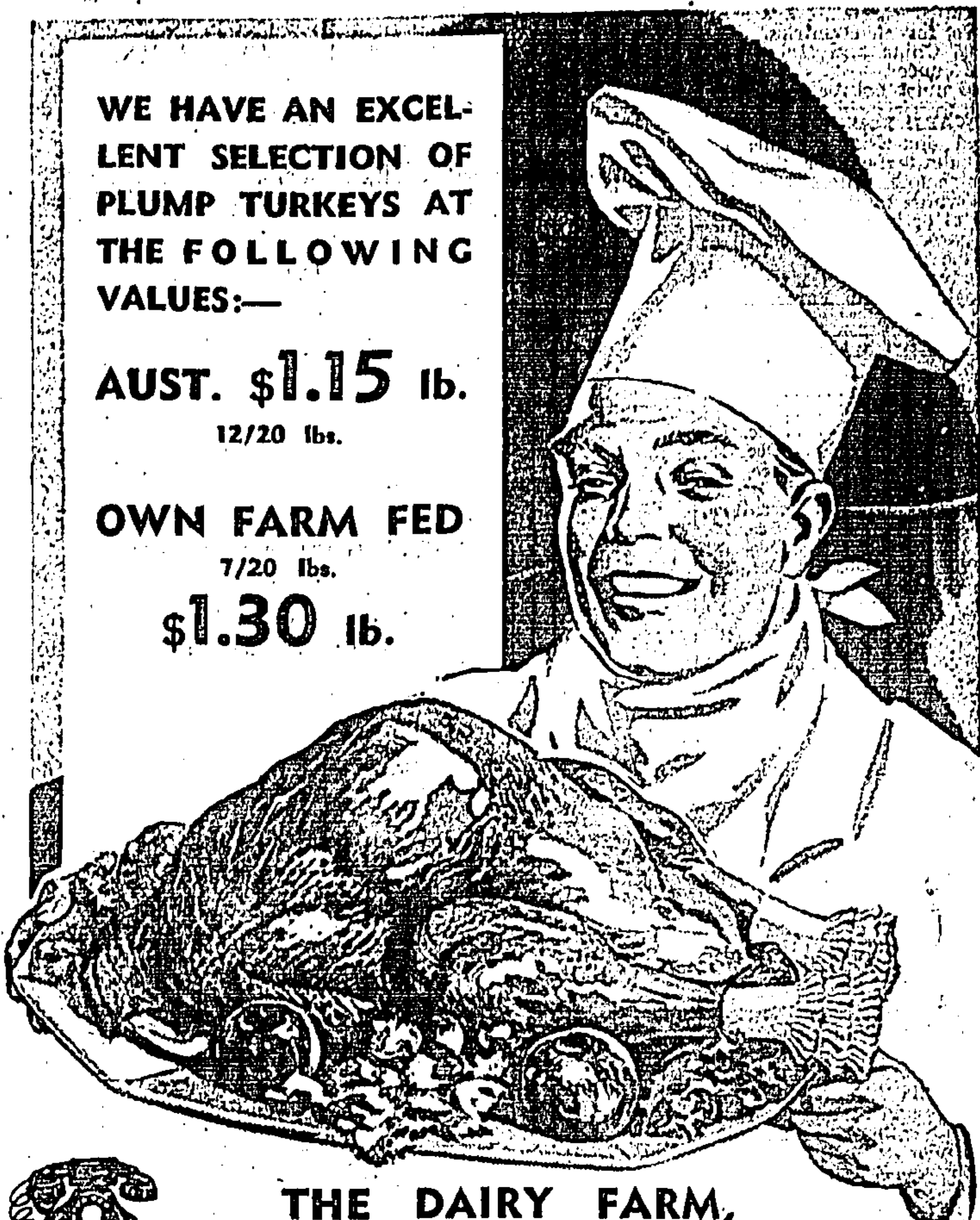


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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 9 (UP).—SERIALS ON MARITIME WARFARE FLARED AROUND THE BRITISH ISLES IN THE PRESS YESTERDAY, WHEN LONDON NEWSPAPERS ENLARGED ON "HINTS" FROM HIGH OFFICIAL CIRCLES REGARDING THE DISCOVERY OF A SECRET WEAPON.

## Triangular Tournament Rugger

(By "Fly-half")

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C. Charter (4), J. R. Henderson (22), R. E. Headman (11), R. G. Castleton (25), P. F. Wanklyn (26), E. A. Bompas (27), C. F. Needham (28), A. M. Kennedy (18), A. F. Widdowson (13) (Captain), and G. B. Godfrey (28).

Navy:—Lt. Bax, Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Mid. Teare and Sub. Lt. Kennedy; Mid. O'Riordan and Lt. Cdr. Clarke; Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Lt. (E) Brown, L. S. A. Palmer, Pk. Lt. Taylor, A. B. Longmuir, Pay Lt. Charles, L. Wtr. Ferris and L. A. C. Gale.

Club "A" 14 8th R. A. 10  
CLUB A defeated 8th. H.B. R.A. by 14 pts. (a goal, two tries and a penalty goal) to 10 pts. (a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal). The gunners were without Richards, their powerful wing threequarter, who is still on the injured list, and played ten men following thumb injury to Smythe, soon after the game started.

Club were also below full strength and played two forwards in the three-quarter line. The figures available, prising serum half, for Club. With his backing up in threequarter movements was once more much in evidence. His long perfect passes gave Club a good advantage and allowed the threequarters to lie deep. Carruthers was not at his best, being tucked in possession too often. Nelson was the best Club back on view, and in the second half Deane, on being taken out of the pack to play at inside threequarter, defended well, and always seemed to be on the spot when danger threatened his line. Up forward, Searle, Burford and Hynes served Club well in the loose, whilst Richardson did good work in the lineouts. Dalziel was effective both at forward and later at three-quarter.

MILITARY MAINSTAY  
HOOK was the mainstay of the military back division while ably supported by Artlingstall and Keeble. Cook, McDermott and Plummer worked hard in the military pack. The military men scored first when Hook dribbled over for an unconverted try. Nelson equalised with a try which was not reported. Thompson put Club further in the lead,

The Forth River estuary was the scene of another aerial dog-fight when A.A. batteries and fighting planes drove off eight German planes, apparently attempting to raid the naval base near Edinburgh.

## Too Frightful To Use?

There have been rumours for some time that Britain is in possession of a secret weapon, so deadly and frightful that, for humanitarian reasons, use has never been made of it. The London "Daily Sketch" published on Saturday (as exclusively reported by the "Telegraph") details of a secret weapon which resulted in complete failure on the part of Nazi raiders to reach the British coast on Thursday and Friday.

First hints of the existence of a secret British weapon were made last month by the Director of Scientific Research of the Ministry of Supply. Seventeen leading scientists now devote their whole time to the work of this branch of the Ministry. Altogether there are 800 experts employed.

Immediately Germany commenced using the magnetic mine, the Bureau got to work and has already, according to a message last week, devised adequate counter-measures.

U-Boat Losses  
LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—It was learned in London today that Germany is not likely to be able to replace submarines more rapidly than the present rate of losing them, namely two to four a week.

The German estimate of present and future U-boat output is not available, but the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" indicates that the 1917 output, estimated at one daily, can be greatly exceeded.

According to the figures available, official circles in London, however, rate that the commissioning of German submarines in 1917 averaged seven a month.

The highest monthly number was 13. Doubt is expressed whether it is now possible to approach that figure, owing to the shortage of materials, absence of skilled labour and diversion of the workers' production.

when he backed up to take a pass from Hynes, who at the time was playing wing threequarter, to score near the corner flag.

Burford, just after the restart, failed to kick a penalty goal from midway out in front of the posts. In an attack by the Gunners, Keeble at full back, came into possession in front of the Club posts, and dropped the ball. Thompson then pounced with a splendid solo effort, in which he weaved his way through his opponents' defence, to carry on and score behind the posts. Richardson converted. Plummer kicked a penalty goal for the Gunners, to reduce Club's lead. Richardson completed the scoring when he kicked a penalty goal for the Club.

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## DECORATED BY KING

Bravery Of Two  
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LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—Before leaving France, His Majesty the King personally decorated Flying Officer R. C. Gravelly and Sergeant F. H. Gardiner, both of whom received the O.B.E. (Military).

F. O. Gravelly won the award when he showed a total disregard for his own safety when an enemy plane shot down his aircraft, which crashed in flames. He pulled his wounded observer from the wreckage and returned to rescue the gunner, who was dead.

Sgt. Gardiner was the observer of another plane, which the enemy seriously damaged. Despite a wound over his right eye, he set an accurate course to the base.

With his own clothes alight, Gardiner extinguished the burning clothes of the wireless operator by beating out the flames with his hands.

## Frenchmen Decorated

His Majesty conferred on a French cavalry captain the D.S.O., and on a pilot N.C.O. the Distinguished Flying Medal.

General Marie Gamelin, Generalissimo of the Allied Forces, presented the Croix-de-Guerre on a British pilot sergeant.

His Majesty also invested General Gamelin with the Grand Cross of the Bath, and General Georges, the No. 2 in the French Army, with the Grand Cross of the British Empire.

## Busy Week For Parliament

Secret Sessions On  
Wednesday

LONDON, Dec. 10 (British Wire- less).—In the last few days before the adjournment on Thursday for the Christmas recess, Parliament will be fully engaged.

In the Commons there will be a secret session on Wednesday when discussion will be on the supply of arms and munitions.

On Tuesday the House will hear a statement on the war in the air by the Air Secretary, Sir Kingsley Wood while before the adjournment on Thursday, the Prime Minister will review the progress of the war as a whole.

On all three days, the question time will be long.

The Russian attack on Finland and further measures towards co-ordinating the organisation of the nation's economic effort are subjects in the forefront of the timetable.



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**By Ernie Bushmiller**



**HONGKONG SOON 1,000  
MILES NEARER U.S.**

so he organised an airplane works in

The Reich was said to have appropriated all patents and continued making the Messerschmitts, while the inventor went to Batavia and took Dutch citizenship.

American, flashed down the Arctic route, and it is reported he is about to make another survey flight on this particular section. The Japanese used this route on their "good will flight" around the world.

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in south coast port after which motored to Buckingham Palace.

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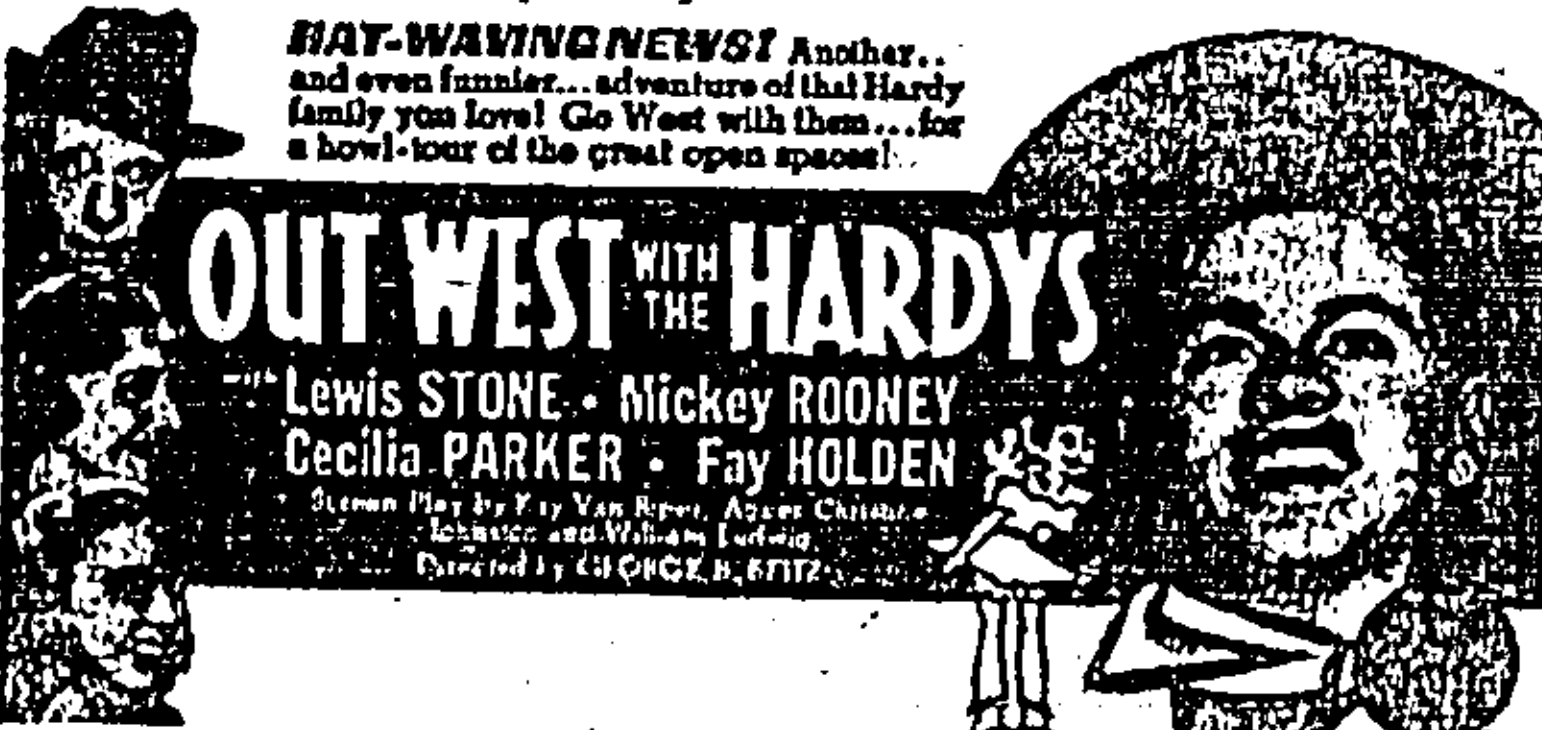
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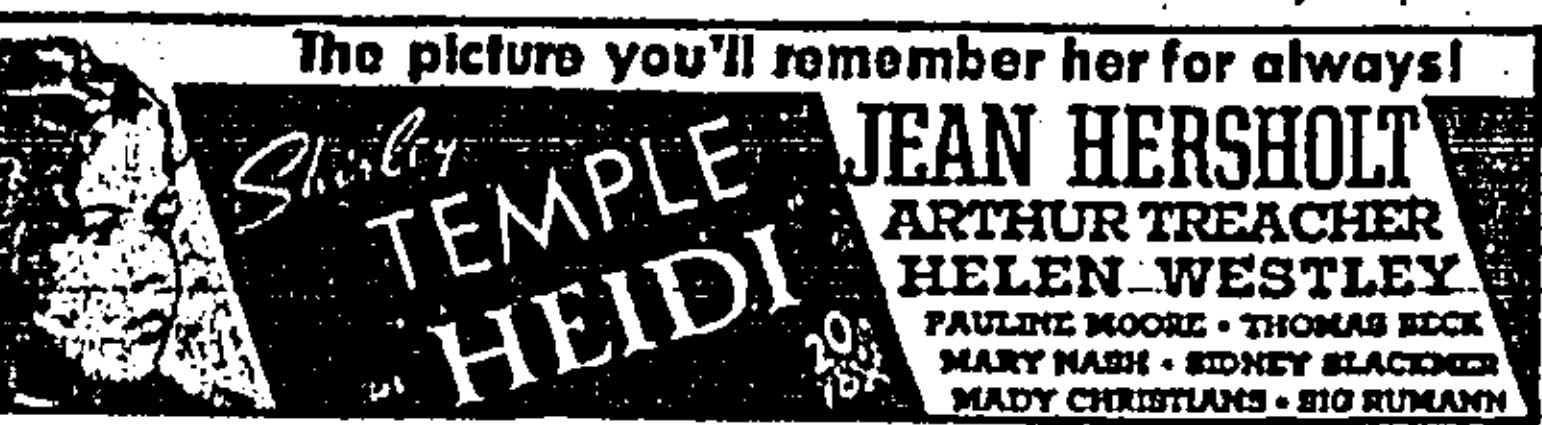
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TAKE ANY TRAM or HAPPY VALLEY BUS.  
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THE LATEST AND GREATEST OF THE HARDY'S SERIES!  
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SEE! Mickey Rooney as a roofer, tootin' terror of the range... you'll howl as he mooms his match! A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture.



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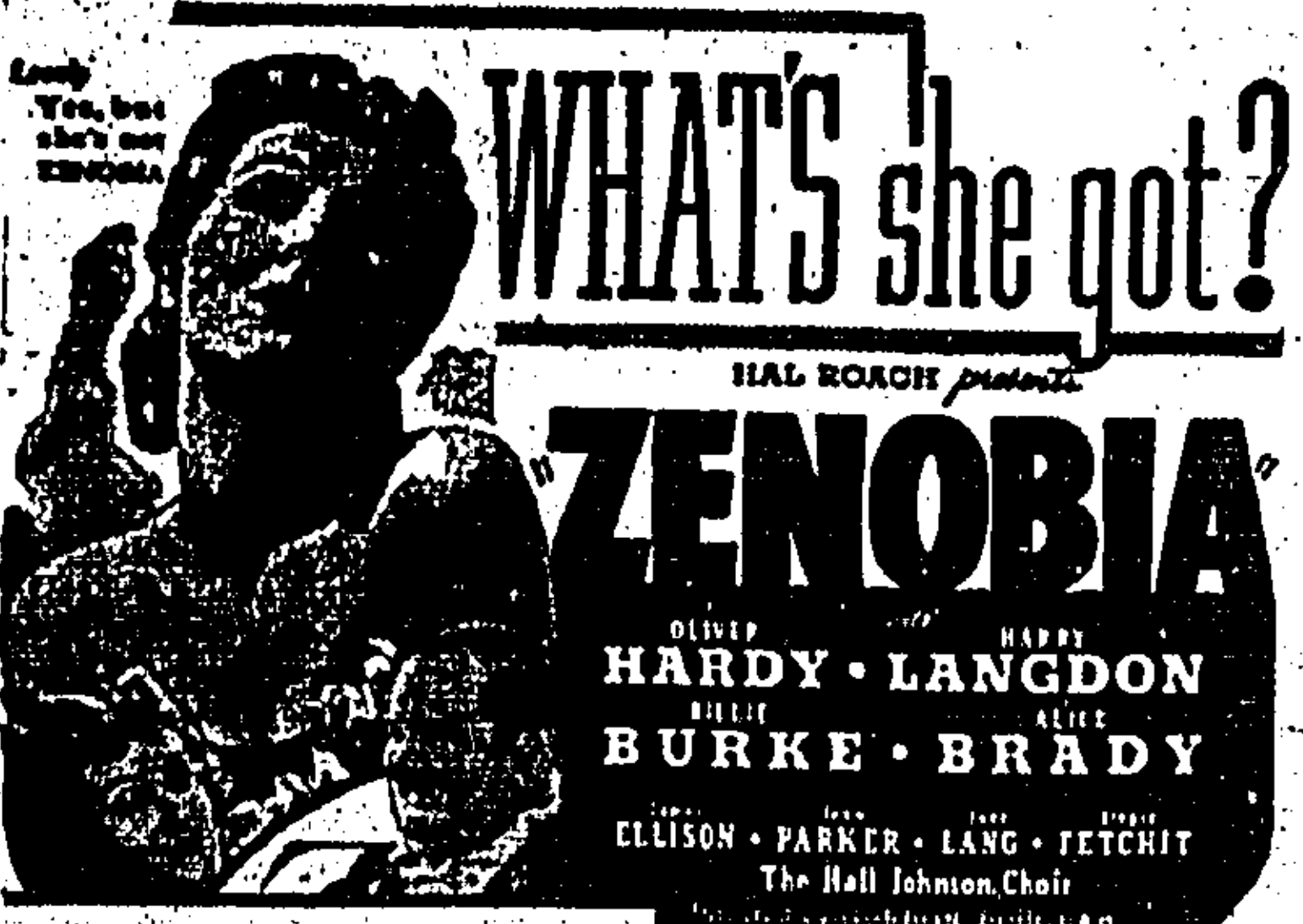


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MELVYN DOUGLAS in "TELL NO TALES"  
LOUISE PLATT in  
A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture

## Bonds Drawn In Shanghai

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—The eighth drawing of Consolidated Bonds "E" and "F" were drawn and the bonds "E" and "F" are due for repayment.

drawing of Telegraph Bonds were held in Shanghai on December 9. Consolidated Bonds "E" with the terminals "033," "120," "231," "383," "710," "775," "831," and "900," and Telegraph Bonds with the terminals "20," "74," and "83" were drawn and the bonds "E" and "F" are due for repayment.



HERE THEY ARE, the boys of the new brigade, happy and confident of the outcome of their struggle with Nazi aggression. These Tommies are leaving the base for the front.

## Clothing Stolen From Roof

Clothing worth \$35 was stolen from the roof of 138 Argyle Street on Saturday. A report of the theft was made to the Police by Captain A. S. the scabed close to the premises of F. Wilson.

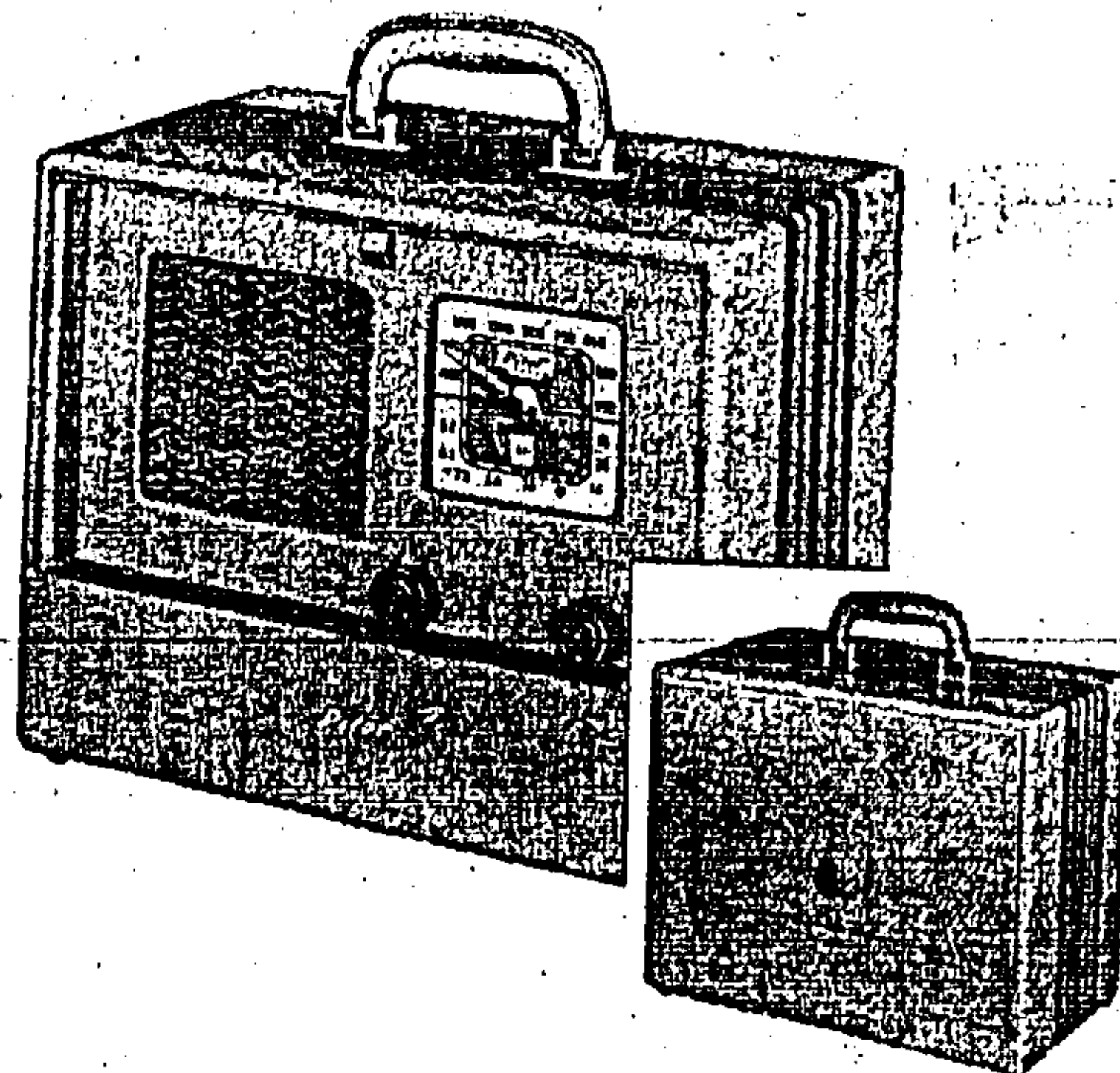
## Yacht Keel Stolen

Mr. R. E. M. Devaux, manager of the Far East Oxygen and Acetylene Co. Ltd., Tokwawan Road, reported to the Police yesterday the theft of a lead yacht keel valued at \$200 from the premises of the company.

## Pilot ANNOUNCING

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## APPEASING AMERICA

Washington, Dec. 9. The spokesman of a prominent group of businessmen to-day forecast the failure of Japan and the United States to reach a commercial accord after due expiration of the current trade pact unless the Japanese alter some basic policies affecting United States business in China.

Tokyo Press reports indicated that Japan hoped to "appease" the United States by an offer to compensate several hundred nationals of the United States for their losses in China, said the spokesman. If this is true, continued the spokesman, it only indicates the Japanese hope to create a favourable atmosphere in which the pact can be extended or renewed without expiration.

There are no indications that the American companies in China would be fully satisfied with such an offer. Instead, Americans will undoubtedly remain dissatisfied until Japan alters her fundamental practices inimical to the American's established treaty rights to conduct business in China, said the spokesman. These practices include wide spread military interference, with business operations in China and the Japanese attempts to control the currency in a manner which is injurious to Americans.

He cited particularly the Japanese sponsorship of the north China federated reserve yuan, which, he said, preclude some American business. The "artificial rate for the yuan" raised prices to an extent that it has made exports to the United States frequently impossible.

The spokesman professed he had no official nor accurate knowledge what the Japanese have offered but said the most surface indications are not promising for an early success. Official circles adamantly declined to answer questions regarding the progress of the Tokyo discussions or regarding the United States attitude. —United Press.

## LETTERS

Broke Parole  
To the Editor:  
"Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—With reference to an article in the Sunday Herald of 10th December, 1939, concerning the adventures of a German Internee, Karl Joachim, who escaped from Hongkong. I would state that this man was not in a Military Hospital but was taken to the Kowloon Civil Hospital after he had given his parole or word of honour not to attempt to escape. A. B. THOMAS, Brigadier, A.A. & Q.M.G. 1/c Administration, China Command.

## LATE NEWS

## QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

HONG KONG KOWLOON  
AT 2.30-5.15 7.20-9.30 PM AT 2.30-5.20-7.20 & 9.30 PM  
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## ORIENTAL

LAST 4 TIMES TO-DAY  
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Russian columns riding rough-shod over Poland. German "U-Boats" desperate attempt to destroy British shipping. The Duke of Windsor to do his bit in the war. Innocent sufferers in Nazi's campaign against British. Plane carrier Courageous torpedoed and sunk. The Duchess of Kent doing hospital work, etc., etc.  
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## Freight Train Strikes Mine

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—A Shanghai-bound Japanese freight train was wrecked when it struck a Chinese mine at Chowching-hang, near Wush on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, on Saturday, according to a Shanghai report. Japanese troops in the vicinity

## S.P.C. MEETING

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will be present at the Annual General Meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children, which takes place at the Helens' May Institute at 6.30 p.m. this evening. The meeting is open to the public. rushing to the scene were attacked and thrown back by Chinese guerrillas.

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